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MR. CLARK CONCLUDES TALKS IN KOREA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today completed an official two-day visit to the Republic of Korea where he had consultations with Korean Foreign Minister Choi Ho-Joong. It was the first visit to Korea by a Canadian Foreign Minister since 1975. Mr. Clark called on President Roh Tae-Woo and held discussions on bilateral and international issues.

The meeting with President Roh and the consultations with Foreign Minister Choi focused on the situation in the Korean Peninsula, North Pacific Security Dialogue, the Persian Gulf Crisis and the Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

On the Gulf situation, Mr. Clark commended Korea for its support of U.N. sanctions. "It is vital that the international commitment to sanctions be maintained until Iraq withdraws from Kuwait and allows foreigners to depart freely from Iraq and Kuwait."

Mr. Clark stressed the importance of achieving success in the Uruguay Round. "Korea has a significant role to play in this process in view of its rapidly developing economy and strong export performance," he said.

Mr. Clark expressed his support for the sale of a second CANDU reactor to Korea by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. He stressed the overall strength of the Canada-Korea relationship, especially in the economic sphere and noted that both countries are each other's fifth largest trading partners. Over the past decade, two-way trade has increased fivefold and now exceeds \$4 billion. A roundtable meeting held by Mr. Clark with Canadian and Korean businessmen on September 20 explored ways of maintaining the momentum in the next decade.

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