News Release

Secretary of State for External Affairs



Communiqué

Secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures

No. 267

November 17, 1990.

MR. CLARK CONDEMNS TERRORIST ATTACK IN CHILE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, expressed his deepest sympathy for the family and friends of a Canadian citizen killed today by a bomb explosion in Santiago, Chile. Mr. Clark condemned unequivocally the attack, which he described as cowardly and senseless. "These acts accomplish nothing and cause enormous pain and hardship for innocent people," he stated.

The incident occurred at noon Chilean time during a softball game. According to witnesses, the bomb was placed with some baseball equipment adjacent to the field. Two members of the Canadian Embassy, First Secretary (Commercial) Pierre Alarie and Communicator Frank Arsenault were present and suffered minor injuries. One American citizen was also injured.

The Chilean police have advised the Canadian Embassy that a full investigation is now under way.

- 30 -

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Media Relations Office External Affairs and International Trade Canada (613) 995-1874