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CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATTACK ON
KURDISH CIVILIANS IN NORTHERN IRAQ

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today condemned the use of chemical weapons against civilians in northern Iraq. Canada has asked the Secretary General of the United Nations to consider the sending of experts to enquire into the circumstances in which this tragedy occurred.

Canada strongly opposes and condemns all use of chemical weapons. All parties to the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning chemical weapons -- including Iraq and Iran -- must abide by their legal obligations.

The Department of External Affairs convoked the Ambassador of Iraq to convey the foregoing and also communicated it to the Government of Iran.

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