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CLARK LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO ASSIST
CHINESE STUDENTS IN CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Government would be convening a meeting to mobilize the efforts of Canadians to assist Chinese students in Canada.

Mr. Clark, who announced during the Emergency Debate in the House of Commons on June 5 the Government's willingness to be supportive of students who did not wish to return to China at this time, said: "The response of Canadians from coast to coast, from the provinces, from universities and colleges, from the Chinese Canadian community and others has been most encouraging. We plan to set in motion a truly national effort to assist these students over the coming weeks and months." Mr. Clark also said that he expected the meeting to result in the establishment of a body to coordinate the efforts of diverse groups. He suggested that, following the meeting, an advisory committee might also be created.

The meeting will be held in Ottawa on June 16.

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