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REVIEW OF CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today tabled in the House of Commons a Discussion Paper (Green Paper) entitled Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations. The Paper is the first step in a broad review of Canada's international relations to be conducted by Parliament.

As indicated by Mr. Clark in his Foreword to the Green Paper, the Paper "is designed to illustrate the dramatic changes which have taken place in the world and to raise some of the principal questions which Canadians need to consider at this time". The Green Paper gives particular attention to questions relating to Canada's international economic competitiveness and to the security implications of recent developments in East/West relations and arms control. There is special emphasis on the need for careful setting of policy priorities. As Mr. Clark observes, "We do not have the resources to do all we would like in international affairs ... Priorities will have to be established; difficult choices will have to be made."

The Green Paper is not a proclamation of Government policy. Its purpose is to prompt public discussion and debate. It is the Government's intention that the Paper be referred to a Special Joint Committee of the House of Commons and the Senate, empowered to conduct hearings across Canada during the coming year.

Additional copies of the Green Paper can be obtained by writing to the following address:

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