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## JOE CLARK SIGNS \$15 MILLION FOOD AID AGREEMENT WITH MOZAMBIQUE

Maputo, Mozambique-- The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding committing Canada to provide \$15 million in food aid to Mozambique this year.

Designated by the United Nations as one of the least-developed countries in the world, Mozambique continues to be plagued by drought, famine, and an intensifying insurgent war. It is estimated that 4.5 million of Mozambique's 14 million people are seriously affected. At least 1.5 million are homeless in their own country and large numbers have sought refuge in Malawi and Zimbabwe.

"Recent events in Mozambique, such as the Homoine massacre, call for urgent delivery of Canadian aid to those in greatest need", Mr. Clark said.

The \$15 million in food aid will be provided in a variety of ways:

- 40,000 metric tonnes MT of Canadian wheat valued at \$8 million for commercial distribution throughout Mozambique;
- 11,000 MT of Canadian wheat, valued at \$2.25 million, which will then be exchanged for maize of equal value from neighboring Zimbabwe;
- 5,000 MT of Canadian beans, valued at \$3.1 million;
- the remaining funds for internal distribution costs and a contingency fund to respond to food aid initiatives by Canadian non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

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