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CANADA COMMITS MORE TROOPS TO UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN CYPRUS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada will be providing an additional 60 soldiers to the United Nations Peacekeeping force in Cyprus. The additional forces are part of a new deployment of soldiers requested by the UN to replace the Swedish forces which will be withdrawn by the end of this year. The first deployment of additional troops will take place in early October.

Canada agreed to provide the additional troops as a further demonstration of our support for strong and viable peacekeeping efforts. UNFICYP not only helps maintain the peace in Cyprus, it also performs important humanitarian functions and activities.

Mr. Clark also expressed the hope that this decision will help spur efforts to find a solution to the political impasse that has existed for over 20 years.