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CANADA-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON OFFICIAL  
EXCHANGES AND HUMAN CONTACTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada and the Soviet Union have agreed to renew their programme of official exchanges in the fields of scientific, academic and cultural affairs. Mr. Clark and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, agreed that negotiations will take place in Ottawa from October 27 to 29 to work out a new two-year programme of exchanges. These exchanges will take place under the provisions of the General Exchanges Agreement signed between Canada and the USSR in 1971.

Mr. Clark also announced that the two Ministers had decided to renew discussions on facilitating human contacts between Canada and the USSR. Negotiations will begin later this year or early in 1987 on a wide variety of issues, including family reunification and consular matters. Mr. Clark stressed that progress on family reunification will be important to the successful conclusion of any agreement.

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