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## NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Spring Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Lisbon on June 6 - 7, 1985.

Discussions at the Ministerial Meeting are expected to focus on recent developments in East/West relations, including the Alliance approach to arms control negotiations. Ministers will, in particular, be discussing the process of, and prospects for, the on-going arms control negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva.

The opening ceremonies of the Ministerial Meeting will be addressed by the Secretary General of NATO, Lord Carrington; the Honorary President of the Council, Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Hans-Dietrich Genscher of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Jaimie de Gama of Portugal. This meeting will be the first Council meeting held in Portugal since 1971.