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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 Autumn Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Brussels on December 13-14, 1984.

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 prospects for resumed discussions between the United States and the Soviet Union on arms control issues.

The opening ceremonies of the Ministerial Meeting will be addressed by the Secretary General of NATO, Lord Carrington; and the Honourary President of the Council, Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Hans-Dietrich Genscher of the Federal Republic of Germany. This meeting will be the first occasion on which Lord Carrington formally assumes Chairmanship of the Council.

While in Brussels, Mr. Clark will be holding bilateral discussions with Mr. George P. Shultz, United States Secretary of State, as part of their regular meetings on Canada/United States relations. Mr. Clark will also be meeting privately with Lord Carrington and, following the Ministerial meeting, with Mr. Gaston Thorn, President of the Commission of the European Communities.