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GULF CRISIS AND SOUTH AFRICA TOP ISSUES
FOR CLARK'S MEETINGS IN EUROPE
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will travel to Europe, February 16 to 20, for discussions with Commonwealth and European foreign ministers on the Persian Gulf and South Africa.

"These meetings in London, Dublin and Stockholm provide me with an opportunity to share views on the Gulf crisis and other issues, including Canada's post-hostilities proposal which the Prime Minister and I reviewed yesterday with UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar," stated Mr. Clark.

On Saturday, February 16, the Minister will chair a special session in London of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa. The Committee's aim is to assess recent developments in South Africa, especially President de Klerk's commitments concerning the repeal of certain apartheid laws. On Sunday, February 17, Mr. Clark will hold a series of bilateral meetings on the Gulf crisis and other matters with fellow members of the Commonwealth Committee.

On Monday, February 18, Mr. Clark will travel to Ireland to discuss the Gulf crisis with the Irish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gerard Collins. Ireland, a neutral member of the European Community, has important trade and humanitarian links with the Middle East. It also shares, with Canada, a long history of involvement in UN peacekeeping efforts.