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HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GYULA HORN VISITS CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that Mr. Gyula Horn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, will pay an official visit to Canada from February 7 to 11. Mr. Horn will also attend the Open Skies Conference in Ottawa from February 11 to 13.

"During the last two years, Hungary has been at the forefront of political and economic reform in Eastern Europe. The Hungarian example has encouraged others in the East and their vision and courage in moving towards democracy and an open market have our strong support," stated Mr. Clark.

In recent years, Canada and Hungary have cooperated closely in the meetings of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and in arms control and disarmament negotiations. Hungary is an active supporter of the "Open Skies" process and will host the second phase of the conference later this year. In January 1990, Hungary permitted a trial "Open Skies" flight by a Canadian Forces aircraft over its territory.

Discussions between the two Ministers will focus on reforms in Hungary, the ongoing changes in Europe, arms control and disarmament issues, including "Open Skies" and bilateral relations. Mr. Horn will also meet with other government officials in Ottawa on February 8 and with senior provincial officials and business leaders in Toronto on February 9 and in Montreal on February 10.

Foreign Minister Horn's visit reciprocates Mr. Clark's visit to Hungary in May 1987.