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JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT TO CANADA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF BRAZIL, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. RAMIRO SARAIVA GUERREIRO, SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 1, 1980

At the invitation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, the Minister of External Affairs of Brazil, His Excellency Mr. Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro paid an official visit to Canada from September 29 to October 1, 1980.

The two Ministers had extensive discussions in Ottawa during which they reviewed the relationship between Canada and Brazil and noted with satisfaction the extent to which mutually beneficial contacts have been developing. They agreed that the relations between the two countries should continue to expand in all areas, especially in regard to political and cultural matters as well as in the economic field. The two Ministers also had a very useful exchange of views on the world situation, particularly on North-South and on questions relating to their common region.

During his visit, Minister Guerreiro paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and had useful and constructive meetings with the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Eugene Whelan, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Herbert Gray, the Secretary of State and Minister of Communications, the Honourable Francis Fox, and on the Minister of State (Finance), the Honourable Pierre Bussières.

Minister Guerreiro also visited Montreal where he met with Mr. Bernard Landry Minister of Economic Development of the Province of Quebec and addressed a joint luncheon meeting sponsored by the Canada-Brazil Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Association for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.