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JOE CLARK SUPPORTS THE TENTATIVE PEACE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED BY THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today his support for the breakthrough tentative agreement that was reached at the Summit of Central American Presidents in Guatemala. The agreement calls for a meeting of the Central American Foreign Ministers within fifteen days and for a ceasefire within ninety days. While much work remains to be done before the conflicts in Central America are resolved, Canada is encouraged by this positive step forward and congratulates the Central American leaders.

Mr. Clark said "as it has done in the recent past for Contadora, Canada remains ready to provide technical advice based on its long peacekeeping experience to promote the peace process".