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PEACE PRIZE TO LECH WALESZA

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime
Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs
issued the following statement:

"I believe I express the sentiments of all Canadians in warmly welcoming the decision of the Nobel Committee to award the Peace Prize for 1983 to Lech Walesa. His championship of the right of organization by Polish workers as a basic human right merits international recognition. His efforts to establish a genuine and peaceful dialogue between all elements of Polish society through negotiation and cooperation have gained the respect and admiration of Canadians and others throughout the world. It is our fervent hope that the international recognition now accorded him through the Nobel Peace Prize will not only honour his personal contribution but will help to lead Poland back along the path to national reconciliation".