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## VISIT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL-DESIGNATE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, LORD CARRINGTON

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Secretary General-Designate of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Lord Carrington, will visit Ottawa March 22 and 23, 1984.

Lord Carrington was selected to be sixth Secretary General of NATO at the December, 1983 meeting of Alliance Foreign Ministers. He will assume his responsibilities on June 25, 1984, succeeding Mr. Joseph Luns.

Lord Carrington will be in Ottawa as part of a series of informal working visits to NATO capitals prior to becoming Secretary General. While here, he will meet privately with the Prime Minister, Mr. MacEachen, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais.

Discussions during the visit are expected to focus on intra-Alliance matters, developments in East/West relations including the Alliance approach to arms control negotiations, and issues related to the Prime Minister's initiative on East/West relations and international security.