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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
HOLDS CONSULTATIONS WITH GERARD COLLINS, TD
IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Mr. Gerard Collins, TD, will visit Ottawa on February 8 and 9, 1990.

Mr. Collins is currently Chairman of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the European Community. Ireland is serving as President of the European Community for 6 months beginning in January, 1990. The EC rotates the position of President among its members semi-annually. Mr. Collins' visit to Ottawa will take place as part of the Ministerial consultations on European Political Cooperation between Canada and the European Community. It will be the first time that these consultations have been held in Ottawa since they began in 1988.

The two Ministers will discuss a number of subjects of interest to Canada and the Community, including developments in Eastern Europe and Western assistance to the region, Southern Africa, regional conflicts, terrorism, drugs and progress on EC integration.

Mr. Clark will also discuss with Mr. Collins Canada's deep concern over European community over-fishing outside Canada's 200 mile limit in the area regulated by the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization. Mr. Clark will emphasize the serious unemployment and environmental effects which this over-fishing has on Canada's Atlantic provinces.

Relations between Canada and Ireland will also be reviewed.