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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed Canada's full and unequivocal support for United Nations Security Council resolution 598 which was adopted unanimously by that body on July 20.

For almost seven years the tragic conflict between Iran and Iraq has inflicted enormous suffering, death and destruction on both countries and endangered the security and stability of the entire Gulf region. Canada has strongly urged a peaceful negotiated settlement to the conflict at the earliest possible date. Mr. Clark recalled that in Venice in June, Prime Minister Mulroney and the other Summit leaders had spoken of the urgent need for new and concerted efforts to help bring the war to an end.

Mr. Clark said today that the Security Council resolution sets out in clear and unambiguous terms the steps to be taken to bring the conflict to an end, including an immediate ceasefire to be supervised by the United Nations. He called on the two parties to implement all terms of the resolution with the assistance of the United Nations Secretary General.