

Canada was elected to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in May for a three-year term to run from January 1989. The Commission is an inter-governmental body comprised of forty-three members of the United Nations, and Canada's election marked a return to membership after an absence of three years, due to normal rotational patterns.

In making the announcement, Mr. Clark emphasized the importance which the Government accorded to human rights as an integral element of foreign policy and the constructive contributions which Canada hopes to make as a full member in the Commission.

Mr. Clark also indicated that Ms. Andreychuk, subject to her current responsibilities, would be undertaking a full round of consultations leading up to the next session of the Commission in February 1989, including meetings with Canadian non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights.