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## CANADA AND THE U.S.S.R. SIGN AGREEMENT FOR NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that Canada and the Soviet Union have signed a new two-year agreement to encourage academic, scientific and cultural relations between the two countries. The agreement was signed by officials in Ottawa on November 22, 1990.

"Ultimately, what this agreement is all about is giving academics, scientists and artists of our two countries the opportunity to communicate, learn from each other and establish strong working relationships," said the Minister.

The agreement was negotiated under the terms of the 1971 General Exchanges Agreement between Canada and the U.S.S.R., designed to encourage greater co-operation between Canadian and Soviet institutions, especially in academic, cultural and scientific fields.

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