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## CANADIAN STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, following his discussions with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, has issued the following statement on international terrorism:

"Canada condemns acts of international terrorism, and deeply regrets the loss of life and suffering of innocent people. Citizens of both countries have been affected. There can be no justification for the commission of acts of terrorism whatever the motivation of those who commit them. Canada calls for effective international cooperation to eradicate fully this dangerous phenomenon in the conviction that such cooperation in all available international forums, as well as the strengthening of international law, are essential elements in our struggle against terrorism in any of its forms and manifestations. In this regard, Canada notes that the international consensus against terrorism is increasingly reflected in proceedings of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

Canada endorses the Soviet call issued before the United Nations last year for strengthening the role of international law and the adoption of further measures to protect diplomatic representatives from terrorist attack. The Soviet Union has welcomed the Canadian initiative before ICAO to fill a gap in international law by developing agreement on the protection of international airports.

Both sides have agreed to continue discussions at the experts level to develop practical steps to deal with this problem."