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AMNESTY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN POLAND

The Honourable Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, issued the following statement:

"I welcome the decision of the Polish Parliament on July 21 to grant an amnesty to all political prisoners in Poland including the four KOR activists whose trial had recently begun and was then suspended.

This is a positive step and an encouraging sign that the Government is ready to establish an authentic dialogue with the Polish people. I hope the Polish leadership will now move resolutely to establish full civil and trade union rights and pursue the process of reform which are essential to Poland's prosperity and national reconciliation."

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