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## CANADA WELCOMES RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S.S.R.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today expressed Canada's deep satisfaction at the restoration of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"This important step taken by the U.S.S.R. and Israel is welcomed by Canada," Mrs. McDougall said. "It is a great pleasure to see these two countries establish more positive relations. The U.S.S.R.'s decision is another sign of the constructive trend in today's world, which we strongly support."

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