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JOE CLARK'S COMMENTS ON THE EMIGRATION OF THE  
RABINOVICH FAMILY FROM THE SOVIET UNION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today welcomed the decision of the Soviet Union to authorize Alexander and Lilia Rabinovich and their two children to join their relatives in Canada.

Mr. Clark said:

" I was very pleased to learn that, following a review of their file, the competent Soviet authorities have decided to allow the Rabinovich family to leave the Soviet Union to join their relatives in Canada. This decision puts a happy end to a long separation."

The Soviet authorities also announced that five other families will be authorized to join their relatives in Canada. This welcome Soviet move reduces to a minimum the number of outstanding family reunification cases and Mr. Clark therefore expressed the hope that the same sympathetic understanding would be extended to any such cases which may arise in the future.

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