

SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
JOE CLARK



Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Mr. Clark holds a BA in History and an MA in Political Science from the University of Alberta, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick.

A former journalist and political advisor, Mr. Clark was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1972. He was re-elected to the House in 1974, 1979, 1980 and 1984.

On February 22, 1976, he was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on June 4, 1979, following the May 22 general election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980.

On September 17, 1984, Mr. Clark was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs in the new Progressive Conservative majority government. He is Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Foreign and Defence Policy and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Priorities and Planning Committee on Trade.

Since 1984, Mr. Clark has focused his attention on enhancing Canada's traditional role of promoting consistent and constructive internationalism.