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REMOVAL OF FRENCH VISA REQUIREMENT FOR  
CANADIAN TRAVELLERS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, welcomed today's decision of the French Government to exempt Canadian nationals visiting France for less than three months from the requirement to obtain a visa. This will take effect April 4, 1989.

The visa had been introduced by the French Government for most countries of the world as a temporary security measure on September 14, 1986.

"Since the 1986 imposition of the French visa requirement, we had made strong representations to the French authorities on several occasions pointing out the inconvenience the visa posed for Canadians and requesting an exemption for Canadian travellers. The announcement made today by the French Government is a welcome return to the situation which prevailed prior to September 14, 1986," Mr. Clark said.

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