

On November 16-17, Mr. Clark will visit the Soviet Union for other consultations with Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Soviet leaders.

"Both Canada and the U.S.S.R. are keenly interested in intensifying our bilateral relations. This visit, on the eve of the CSCE Summit, flows from our earlier agreement that our relations be put on a more active working basis," stated Mr. Clark.

"During our discussions, I will emphasize that Canada strongly supports the unprecedented reform processes which are under way in the Soviet Union. Democratization and economic liberalization are essential components in our common goal of building a prosperous and peaceful Europe."

In his meeting with Mr. Shevardnadze, the Minister will focus on strengthening existing ties between Canada and the Soviet Union, and identifying areas in which our countries can co-operate in their approach to international issues.

This working visit follows upon Prime Minister Mulroney's highly successful trip to the U.S.S.R. in 1989, during which 14 agreements were signed, and President Gorbachev's return visit to Ottawa last May.

After completing his discussions in Moscow, Mr. Clark will join the Prime Minister for the CSCE Summit being held in Paris, November 19-21, 1990.

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