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## MR. CLARK MEETS JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today met Japan's Foreign Minister Dr. Taro Nakayama in Tokyo. Mr. Clark last met Dr. Nakayama in July for annual Canada-Japan consultations held in Tokyo.

Mr. Clark praised Japan for its substantial contribution to international efforts in the Gulf Crisis (\$4 billion). "Japan's generous offer of financial assistance and support for international efforts to restore peace and stability to the Middle East reflects both the collective will of the international community to deal with this act of aggression and the important role Japan now plays in global security issues".

Mr. Clark and Dr. Nakayama also discussed proposals for North Pacific security, first outlined by Mr. Clark last July in a speech in Victoria, British Columbia. In consultation with Japan, the United States and other North Pacific nations, Canada will be organizing a conference of policy experts early in 1991 aimed at promoting a dialogue on peace and security in the region.

The Canada-Japan relationship is strong with an established track-record of consultations on major international and regional issues, underlined by close economic ties involving some \$19 billion in two-way trade annually and expanding investment links.

Mr. Clark travels to Seoul, Korea, on September 19 and 20, for meetings with Korean President Roh and Foreign Minister Choi. He also will meet with business leaders during his visit to promote two-way trade and investment.

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