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CANADA INVITED TO SERVE ON INTERNATIONAL  
PEACEKEEPING BODY IN CAMBODIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced that Canada was formally invited earlier today by Vietnam to serve on an international peacekeeping body to supervise the withdrawal of its troops from Cambodia. Vietnam has announced that it intends to withdraw fully before the end of this year.

Mr. Clark said that Canada had advised Vietnam that we would only consider participation if key conditions can be met, including: the full support of all parties to the dispute; a clear mandate and a limited duration of involvement; manageable resource implications; and, most importantly, evidence that this is part of an effective and comprehensive solution to the Cambodian problem.

On instructions from Mr. Clark, the Department is consulting with the United Nations and with other potential participants in the proposed peacekeeping group, as well as with the parties and countries directly concerned in the region, to ensure a coordinated and constructive response to the Vietnamese initiative.

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