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## FLORA MACDONALD NAMED CANADIAN CANDIDATE FOR UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES POST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Honourable Flora MacDonald, P.C., is the Canadian candidate for the office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The post became vacant last week following the unexpected resignation of Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg of Norway.

"The successor to Mr. Stoltenberg must be someone with a solid background in international affairs and a clear understanding of the needs and problems of refugees today. I believe Flora MacDonald is that person. As Secretary of State for External Affairs and Minister of Immigration, she acquired a deep understanding of refugee matters. Flora would continue to apply that knowledge as High Commissioner to the benefit of the refugees of the world," said Mr. Clark.

Canada, a strong supporter of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, takes a great interest in the continued success of the organization in its invaluable work with refugees. Mr. Clark underlined that the new High Commissioner must be able to carry on the administration reforms begun within the Office by Mr. Stoltenberg and the re-examination of its role in the face of growing refugee and asylum seeker problems worldwide.