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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
REAFFIRMS CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR CONTADORA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has reaffirmed Canada's strong support for the Contadora process. Mr. Clark has sent the following message to the Foreign Ministers of the countries that make up the Contadora (Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela) and Lima Support Groups (Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay), and to the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as they begin their joint mission to the countries of Central America:

"As you embark on a new and significant initiative in Central America, I wish to reiterate the Government of Canada's strong support for the Contadora process. The past year has been a difficult one for those who have sought to further the cause of peace in the region. Your refusal to be discouraged by these problems and your determined efforts to help bring about reconciliation have sustained the hope of the international community for a lasting solution to the crisis in Central America."

"Your joint mission is a unique opportunity for the parties involved to resume regional negotiations with a view to reaching a comprehensive and viable agreement. I wish you every success in this endeavour."