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## OPENING OF A CANADIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that Canada will establish an Embassy in Damascus, which will be accredited to Lebanon as well as to Syria.

Mr. Clark indicated that this will permit Canada not only to pursue its interests in Syria, but also to respond to important and urgent requirements of Canadian residents and Lebanese citizens in Lebanon, in respect of consular, visa and immigration services, following the withdrawal of the personnel of the Canadian Embassy in Beirut.

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