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JOE CLARK WELCOMES END TO INSURRECTION IN THE PHILIPPINES

JASPER, ALBERTA - The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed satisfaction with the successful restoration of the authority of the Aquino Government in Northern Mindanao. Mr. Clark is hosting a Special Canada-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Jasper, Alberta, for the six countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand). Among the participants is the Foreign Secretary of the Philippines, Mr. Raul Manglapus.

"Canada strongly supports the democratic government in the Philippines and will continue to work with President Corazon Aquino to improve economic conditions in that country," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark underlined that Canada opposes the use of force to destabilize democratically-elected governments and reaffirmed Canada's commitment to strengthen democratic institutions in the Philippines.

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