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CLARK TO VISIT KUWAIT ON MIDDLE EAST TRIP

Following consultations today with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in Washington, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will visit the Middle East to review first-hand the situation in the region and to discuss Canada's contribution in the post-hostilities period, including in reconstruction.

"Canada and other members of the Coalition must put as much energy into promoting peace and security in the Gulf region as we have into liberating Kuwait," stated Mr. Clark.

On March 6, Mr. Clark will meet the Emir of Kuwait at his temporary residence in Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He will then hold talks with Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers and other interested Ministers in Amman, Jordan on March 7; in Israel on March 8; in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on March 9; and in Damascus, Syria on March 11. On March 10, the Minister will make a brief visit to Kuwait.

This trip by Mr. Clark follows recent visits to Ottawa by the Turkish and Egyptian Foreign Ministers, Mr. Clark's meeting with the U.K. Foreign Secretary and with Nordic Foreign Ministers in February, and his own trip to Egypt, Turkey, Jordan and Israel in November.

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