

# Statement

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## CLARK EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed concern about the announced movement of military forces into the Baltic States, Ukraine and several other republics of the Soviet Union.

"Our concerns have been forcefully conveyed today to the Soviet Ambassador," stated Mr. Clark. "We are urging restraint on all sides in this potentially dangerous situation."

Mr. Clark called on Soviet authorities to refrain from further intimidation and the use of force, expressing the hope that solutions to the outstanding differences between the republics and Moscow can be negotiated.

Mr. Clark recalled that Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze had assured him several times that there would be no crackdown in the Baltic States, and that President Gorbachev had reaffirmed this to Prime Minister Mulroney.

Mr. Clark stated that while Canada wants to help the U.S.S.R. through this difficult transition, much depends on the continuation of Soviet reform.

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