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ATTENDS UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that he will attend the United Nations General Assembly from September 25-29, 1989. Mr.Clark will address the General Assembly on the afternoon of September 26.

Mr. Clark's speech will set the tone for Canada's participation in the three-month-long General Assembly this fall. It will focus on the current climate of greater pragmatism and multilateral cooperation on the world scene which offers the United Nations and all countries fresh opportunities in trying to resolve global problems.

"UN member states are now looking to this organization for more effective solutions to the world's problems with arms control, environment, debt, poverty, homelessness, drug trafficking, terrorism and human rights", stated the Minister. "The renewed commitment of the member states to multilateralism provides the United Nations with the strength it needs to offer leadership and coordination in building a secure global future."

Highlights of Mr. Clark's programme include a working dinner he will host on September 26 to discuss matters of hemispheric interest with Foreign Ministers of the Rio Group (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela). The Minister will also receive the Heads of Delegation of all U.N. member states at a Canadian reception to be held by September 27.

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