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PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE), IN HELSINKI JULY 30 - AUGUST 1, 1985

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he would visit Helsinki from July 30 to August 1, 1985 to attend the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). This will provide the Minister with an opportunity to assess the performance of the CSCE over the past decade and to explore the future prospects of the CSCE. The CSCE is the main multilateral forum for East-West relations, encompassing questions of security, disarmament and confidence-building measures, as well as cooperation in humanitarian and economic matters.

The Human Rights Experts meeting held in Ottawa in May and June 1985, the Conference on Confidence Building Measures and Security and Disarmament in Europe, now meeting in Stockholm, the Cultural Forum which will take place in Budapest, beginning on October 15, 1985, and the Berne meeting in April 1986 of Experts on Human Contacts, are all under the auspices of the CSCE, which will begin its next follow-up meeting in Vienna on November 4, 1986.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs will deliver a speech in Helsinki before the Foreign Ministers of the participating States.

