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## ATTACKS ON PAKISTAN BY AFGHANISTAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed his deep concern about the attacks on villages in Pakistan by the air force of Afghanistan and the consequential loss of life. These actions are deplorable and unwarranted. They are especially so, coming at a time when there are efforts to seek a possible settlement of the war in Afghanistan. Mr. Clark noted the forbearance of the government of Pakistan whose citizens and the Afghan refugees under their care have been killed and maimed in these attacks. He expressed his full support for the efforts of Pakistan to reach a negotiated settlement.

Mr. Clark called upon all parties involved to bring these attacks to an end. Mr. Clark recalled that he stated in his speech of February 7, 1987 in New Delhi, "a distinction must be made between expressions of intent on the one hand and constructive action on the other" in bringing an end to the conflict in Afghanistan. He went on to say that "nothing would more dramatically illustrate Mr. Gorbachev's determination to follow through on his Vladivostok speech than a withdrawal from Afghanistan." Mr. Clark urged the Soviet Union to intensify its efforts to reach a settlement of the war in Afghanistan and to take specific action to prevail on the Kabul regime to stop its illegal and tragic bombing of Pakistan.