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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ADDRESSES THE CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION

On April 23 in Vancouver the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, addressed a meeting of the National Committee on Pacific Economic Cooperation. It was the first meeting of the Committee since the appointment of a new Chairman, Dr. William Saywell, President of Simon Fraser University.

The tripartite Committee consists of representatives from the private sector, the academic community and government. The Committee is responsible for Canada's involvement in the Pacific Economic Cooperation process. Last November the National Committee was responsible for organizing the highly successful Fifth Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference in Vancouver.

In his address, the Secretary of State for External Affairs welcomed the incoming Chairman Dr. Saywell and congratulated committee members on their staging of the Vancouver Conference. He also re-affirmed the mandate of the Committee which is to ensure Canadian participation in the Pacific Economic Cooperation process, stimulate greater public awareness of the Pacific and provide advice to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the future evolution of Pacific Economic Cooperation and continued Canadian involvement.

Mr. Clark also noted that he saw the work of the Committee as an important part of strengthening Canada's ties with the countries of the Pacific region.