

In the sphere of economic and commercial co-operation, Minister Clark announced that a special mission of Canadian experts, representing the private sector and government and non-government organizations, will visit the CSFR at the end of November. This mission will work with their Czech and Slovak counterparts to define and develop proposals for a series of practical, people-oriented co-operative projects aimed at encouraging democratic reforms and the establishment of an open market economy in the CSFR. The experts are being sponsored by Canada's Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe.

"My country is committed to deepening bilateral relations with the CSFR and to supporting the courageous political and economic change undertaken by the Czech and Slovak people," said Mr. Clark.

While in Prague, Minister Clark also stated that Canada was firmly in favour of Prague being selected as the site of the new Secretariat of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

"In recognition of the very constructive role which the CSFR is playing as the CSCE develops an expanded co-operative framework for European issues, Canada heartily supports Prague as the location of the permanent Secretariat," noted the Minister. The question of the site of a new Secretariat will be reviewed at the November 19-21 CSCE Summit in Paris.

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