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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA GOES WEST

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that External Affairs and International Trade Canada will be holding an "External Affairs-West" week in Calgary from January 29 to February 2, 1990. The Minister and a core group of the Department's senior officials will temporarily relocate to Calgary. They will direct the on-going business of the Department from there, and will participate in a wide-ranging program of seminars and meetings with groups and individuals.

"This event has a dual purpose," stated Mr. Clark. "It provides Canadians in Alberta with the opportunity to meet with senior government officials easily, to discuss foreign policy and international business interests. At the same time, it encourages the Department's Ottawa-based officers to develop a better understanding of the West and its concerns."

On January 31 in Calgary, Mr. Clark will make a keynote address on international trade to the city's Chamber of Commerce, and on February 1, he will make a speech on Latin America at the University of Calgary. His program also includes meetings with municipal authorities, cultural and multicultural groups, business representatives, university and high school students and educators, and the media.

Visiting officials of the Department, including the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, two Assistant Deputy Ministers and over ten other senior officials responsible for the full-range of Canada's international political and trade initiatives around the world also have extensive programs. They will participate in a series of 12 seminars on diverse topics - nine of which are being sponsored in cooperation with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

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