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## CANADA STRONGLY SUPPORTS CSCE SUMMIT IN 1990

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed Canada's strong support for a Summit meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe later this year.

"A Summit at this time of great change in Eastern Europe would be an important occasion for a broad discussion of issues related to a future framework for European relations, as well as providing for the signature of a conventional armed forces reduction agreement," said Mr. Clark.

Since 1975, when the Helsinki Final Act was agreed, Canada has played a leading role in all areas of CSCE. The objectives have been to enhance security and co-operation between the 35-signatory states, to break down barriers and to encourage the free flow of information, ideas and people. The principles embodied in the Helsinki Final Act have played a significant role in encouraging reformers in Eastern Europe.

"The CSCE is unique both in membership and mandate. A leading role for this institution in the design and implementation of a new order for Europe is vital. For Canada, the CSCE is the most important forum for discussions relating to building a new peace and prosperity in Europe," Mr. Clark declared.

He added that the Ottawa Open Skies Conference, to be held between February 12 and 28, will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss further the Summit proposal, and other related developments throughout Europe.