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## CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO KUWAIT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Ambassador Larry Dickenson will return to Kuwait tomorrow, March 1, to resume activities at the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait City.

Mr. Dickenson will be accompanied by Commodore Ken Summers, Commander of Canadian Forces in the Persian Gulf region, officials from External Affairs and International Trade Canada, and Department of National Defence personnel.

The team will fly in from Bahrain where the Ambassador has been based since operations at the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait were suspended on October 19, 1990, as a result of the Iraqi occupation of that country.

Mr. Clark noted that locally engaged staff from the Embassy have already begun to prepare for the return of Mr. Dickenson and other diplomatic staff in the wake of the liberation of Kuwait by Coalition forces.

"The resumption of full activities at our Embassy will obviously depend on conditions in Kuwait City," Mr. Clark said. "It appears from an initial examination that our facilities are in pretty good shape, but we need a more thorough inspection. I intend that our Embassy will be fully functioning as soon as possible."

On Saturday, March 2, Ambassador Dickenson is to travel to Taif, Saudi Arabia, to meet the Emir of Kuwait, His Highness Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, for discussions on the post-war situation in the region.

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