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CLARK HOLDS CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON, PRAGUE AND MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 13-17, 1990

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that he will visit the United Kingdom, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and the Soviet Union, November 13-17, to hold working consultations on a wide range of issues with senior government leaders.

On November 13, Mr. Clark will meet with his British counterpart, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Douglas Hurd, to review a range of issues, including the current situation in the Gulf.

On November 14-15, Mr. Clark will be in Prague for the first ever visit to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) by a Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs.

"This working visit underlines Canadian support for Czechs and Slovaks in their resolve to restore democracy and build an open market economy in their country," said the Minister. "The reforms now under way are opening up innovative and exciting opportunities for greater co-operation between Canada and the CSFR in commercial and other areas."

Mr. Clark's meetings in Prague are aimed at consolidating and building on existing good relations between our two countries. His discussions with Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jiri Dienstbier and other government representatives will focus on a broad range of bilateral issues, such as intensifying Canadian-CSFR business and trade relations. Regional and multilateral issues of concern will also be discussed, including those central to the upcoming Summit of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) to be held in Paris the following week.