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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
TO VISIT VENEZUELA AND ARGENTINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that he has accepted invitations from the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Simon Alberto Consalvi, and the Argentine Minister of Foreign Relations and Worship, Dr. Dante Caputo, to make an official visit to their countries during the period September 8 to 12.

In announcing these visits Mr. Clark indicated that on his first visit to the South American continent he would be discussing ways of "improving bilateral relations with Venezuela and Argentina and addressing the more general need for dialogue and cooperation between developed and developing countries both in the economic and political fields".

During his visit to Venezuela, Mr. Clark will have consultations with his host, Foreign Minister Consalvi, and other senior Ministers on a wide range of multilateral and bilateral issues of a political and commercial nature.

In Argentina, Mr. Clark will meet with President Alfonsín, Foreign Minister Caputo, Economy Minister Sourrouille and other senior Argentine Ministers and officials. Subjects of discussion will include Canada-Argentina political and trade matters as well as multilateral issues of mutual interest such as international debt and disarmament issues. Mr. Clark will, in both countries, be accompanied by a senior group of Canadian businessmen.