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CLARK AND BAKER SIGN CANADA/U.S. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the U.S. Secretary of State, James Baker, recently signed an agreement for a binational educational exchange between Canada and the United States of America. The agreement was signed in Ottawa on February 13.

The exchange program is designed to increase research and teaching opportunities for academics and graduate students studying various aspects of the Canada/U.S. relationship. Known in the U.S. as the Fulbright Program, it was originally established in 1946 by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas.

A new Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States will be established with the mandate to implement this Agreement. The Foundation will be based in Ottawa and will be financed by an initial grant of \$U.S.200,000 from each government, plus funds received from private sources in the two countries.

Selection of a board consisting of 16 members--eight Canadians and eight Americans--is currently in progress. The Board will recruit an Executive Director to oversee the administration of the Foundation. All documents prepared by the Foundation will be in English and French. The exchange program will be open for applications by next year.