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CANADA SUPPORTS U.N. APPEAL FOR EARLY DEMOBILIZATION IN NICARAGUA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed his concern at the slow pace of demobilization of members of the Nicaraguan Resistance (contras).

"I hope all parties will continue to show flexibility, in the constructive spirit of accommodation that has characterized the overall Central American peace process," stated Mr. Clark. The Minister strongly endorsed the United Nations Security Council appeal of May 23, 1990 for the Nicaraguan Resistance to respect fully its written agreement to demobilize within the stipulated period, which ends June 10.

Mr. Clark re-affirmed Canada's full support for ONUCA, the United Nation Observer Mission in Central America, which is overseeing the demobilization of resistance forces in Nicaragua as part of its broader mandate. Canadian military observers are fully engaged in this important task, under the auspices of ONUCA.