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VISIT TO CANADA OF INDIAN MINISTER OF STATE
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announces that Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, K. Natwar Singh, will visit Canada from May 14 to 17, 1988. Mr. Singh will participate in the Second Annual Ministerial Consultations with Mr. Clark in Calgary. The first such Consultations took place in India in February 1987.

Mr. Singh will give the opening address on May 16 at the Canada-India Opportunities Conference organized by the International Centre of the University of Calgary. He will visit Ottawa on May 17, where he will meet with the Governor General, the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Minister of Communications.

The Consultations in Calgary will be wide-ranging and will focus on the expanding and increasingly diverse relationship between Canada and India as well as on international political and economic issues, including the multilateral trade negotiations. Mr. Singh's visit was preceded by Senior Officials Consultations held in Ottawa on May 10 and 11. The Indian delegation included representatives from the Departments of External Affairs, Economic Affairs, Energy and Coal.

Mr. Clark said "the visit of India's Minister of State for External Affairs underscores the growing significance of Canada's relations with India. India holds enormous potential for expanded bilateral economic and commercial relations. In the past few years, we have created a framework for managing this complex and diverse relationship of which these Annual Ministerial Consultations are the central element".

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