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CANADIAN TO ACT AS OBSERVER TO THE ELECTIONS
IN EL SALVADOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Mr. Ron Gould, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, will act as an official observer of the elections scheduled to take place in El Salvador on March 20. These elections are for the National Assembly and for Municipal Councils.

Mr. Gould has observed Salvadoran elections twice in the past: the presidential elections of March 25, and the runoff of May 6, 1984. In addition, he also acted as observer to the Honduran presidential elections of November 24, 1985.

Mr. Clark believes that by naming Mr. Gould to observe the elections, Canada is once again demonstrating its support for the development of democracy in Central America, in keeping with the renewed peace process which has followed the Guatemala Accords of last August.

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