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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF URUGUAY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, met today with Dr. Enrique V. Iglesias, the Foreign Minister of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay. Dr. Iglesias is in Ottawa to participate in the proceedings of the World Commission on Environment and Development.

During the course of their meeting, the two Ministers reviewed the state of bilateral relations between Canada and Uruguay and considered ways in which the relationship might be enhanced. In this regard, the Secretary of State for External Affairs expressed his satisfaction at the recent decision of the Uruguayan Government to re-open its Embassy in Ottawa.

The two Ministers also discussed arrangements for the forthcoming Ministerial Conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay (September 15-19) which will launch the next GATT round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. As well, they reviewed the economic situation in Latin America, including the difficult question of foreign debt, which is a major problem confronting many countries throughout the region. Other themes included the peace process in Central America.

During his visit to Ottawa Dr. Iglesias also met with the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, and with Ambassador Simon Reisman of the Trade Negotiations Office.