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SSEA SENDS MESSAGE TO NEW CONTADORA SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING WITH CONTADORA FOREIGN MINISTERS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today sent a message of encouragement to the newly formed Contadora support group which is meeting August 23 and 24 in Cartagena, Colombia with the Contadora countries (Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela). The new group, which is a positive development of Latin American solidarity behind Contadora, is comprised of Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay. The Foreign Ministers of the four countries of the support group are meeting with the Contadora Foreign Ministers to examine the problems of Central America and the Contadora process.

Mr. Clark's message to the Foreign Ministers was as follows: "As you meet together to focus your collective will and cooperation toward creating a more positive environment for Contadora and the problems of Central America, I am pleased to convey to you, in the name of the Government and the Canadian people, sincere wishes for your success. Canada shares your goals and supports your efforts."