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EGYPTIAN MINISTERS IN CANADA FOR CONSULTATIONS ON GULF

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, and Dr. Atef Mohamed Ebaid, Minister for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for Administrative Development of Egypt, will visit Canada on February 1, 1991.

The visit is an expression of the excellent relationship which exists between Canada and Egypt. "This visit allows for useful follow-up to discussions Dr. Abdel Meguid and I had in Cairo this past November," stated Mr. Clark. "We will continue our productive exchange of views on shared concerns relating to the present situation in the Gulf as well as future developments." Egypt is one of the leading Arab countries in the international effort to ensure Iraqi compliance with United Nations resolutions.

While in Ottawa, Dr. Abdel Meguid will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Dr. Ebaid will be meeting with the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Michael Wilson, and Mr. Clark. Both Egyptian ministers will also meet with senior officials of the Canadian government.

Profiles of the two ministers are attached.

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