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DEPLORES VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, said today he is shocked and saddened at the most recent acts of violence in El Salvador. The bombing of the National offices of Salvadoran Union-Workers (FENASTRAS) and of the Mothers of Disappeared Persons (COMADRES) resulted in 10 deaths and numerous injuries. "These bombings", said Mr. Clark, "are deplorable acts of cowardice. On behalf of all Canadians I extend our sympathy to those who have suffered grievous loss and injury."

This renewed violence has occurred only a few weeks after the last round of peace negotiations between the Government of El Salvador and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). "A negotiated settlement," Mr. Clark emphasized, "offers the only prospect for peace in that country which has suffered so much violence. These events must not impede efforts to bring an end to the conflict. It is only through national reconciliation that full protection of human rights and economic justice in El Salvador can be achieved."

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