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SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, signed today, on behalf of the Government of Canada, an Agreement with Mr. Charles E.B. Brett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Fund for Ireland, concerning the Canadian contribution to the Fund.

The signature of the Agreement gives effect to the July 1986 announcement by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney that Canada would participate in the Fund. Its objectives are to encourage contact, dialogue and reconciliation through the implementation of practical projects involving different communities throughout Ireland.

At the same occasion, Mr. Clark turned over to Mr. Brett a cheque in the amount of \$1.5 million, which constitutes the initial payment of a contribution from Canada which could amount up to \$10 million over the next years. Part of this first payment is an advance to encourage and match donations expected from the Canadian private sector.