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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
SIGNS AN AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN FIELD SUPPORT  
FOR THE CANADIAN AID PROGRAM IN HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA -- The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Honduras to establish a Canadian Cooperation Office in Honduras. The Canadian Cooperation Office will consist of a small support office staffed by local consultants, who will provide technical, administrative and logistical support for the aid program in Honduras. The office will be established for an initial three-year period at a cost of \$822,000.

The strengthening of field support in Honduras reflects a commitment to aid programming in Central America as a whole. It reflects a concern for greater hands-on administration of existing aid projects, and the high level of interest Canadians have shown in providing assistance to the people of Central America.

Similar support offices are also being planned for Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Honduras is a major recipient of Canadian development assistance in Central America. During the past five years Canada has provided more than \$43.6 million in direct assistance to Honduras.