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## CANADA TO DESIGNATE OBSERVER TO EL SALVADOR ELECTIONS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Canadian Government has accepted the invitation of the Government of El Salvador to send official observers to the legislative and mayoral elections to be held in that country on March 31. Mr. Clark said that he has designated Mr. F. M. Filleul, Canadian Ambassador to El Salvador, as the official Canadian observer. Mr. Filleul was a member of the Canadian delegation which observed El Salvador's Presidential elections in 1984.

Mr. Clark indicated that the decision to designate an observer for these elections was consistent with the decision to send qualified observers to last year's Presidential elections. Mr. Clark expressed hope that this election will further consolidate the democratic processes now underway in El Salvador. He will be provided with support facilities to permit full verification of the electoral process in its different phases, and will be allowed to observe the elections in any location of his choosing where his personal safety is not endangered.

If invited to observe further elections in the region, the Canadian Government will give active consideration to each such request, and will continue to judge each case on its own merit.