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## EVENTS IN FIJI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed satisfaction that Fiji had been returned to civilian rule following several coups.

"The new interim government, which replaces the Council of Ministers installed by the military, marks an important step in the return to full democratic rule in Fiji", said Mr. Clark. "I believe that Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau in his capacity of President of the New Republic will continue to work with the same courage he did when he was Governor General towards the complete normalization of the situation in Fiji".

Mr. Clark called on the interim government to arrange for elections to be held as soon as possible and ensure that the new constitution which is currently being drafted enshrines basic rights for all Fijian citizens.