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VISIT TO CANADA OF VICE-CHAIRMAN YANG SHANGKUN
OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, said today that a government delegation from the People's Republic of China, led by Mr. Yang Shangkun, Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission, and Mr. Fang Yi, State Councillor and Deputy Leader, is visiting Canada. The delegation began its visit to Canada in Vancouver on May 27 and will meet with provincial officials in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario during the period of May 27 to June 7.

The delegation will be in Ottawa from June 2 to June 4, and will meet with the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of National Defence, as well as with the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons, during the Ottawa portion of the visit to Canada. The delegation will also attend an official luncheon hosted by Her Excellency Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada.

The official meetings in Ottawa provide an opportunity for an exchange of views on important bilateral and international issues between the governments of Canada and of the People's Republic of China.