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MINISTER CLARK CONDEMNS RECENT
EXECUTIONS IN CHINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, stated that the Canadian Government found the executions in Shanghai thoroughly abhorrent. He said: "The entire world is watching China, and no one is convinced by Chinese assertions that due process is being followed or that those being sentenced to death are simply 'common criminals'. It is clear that the trials and executions are being used to intimidate the Chinese population, and are part of the current campaign of repression."

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China was called in today by the Department of External Affairs to register in the strongest terms the deep regret of the government and people of Canada that executions of persons involved in the recent unrest are being carried out.

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