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## CANADA TO CONTRIBUTE \$1.5 MILLION TO UN PEACEKEEPING FUND FOR CAMBODIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that Canada will contribute \$1.5 million to a special UN fund in support of the Cambodian peace process.

"The Cambodian peace process is now in a critical phase," stated Mr. Clark. "Commitment to a negotiated solution, which Canada and other members of the international community have been working for, has reached an unprecedented level. There is now, for the first time, general agreement that the United Nations should play a major role in the final settlement."

The Canadian contribution is an advance payment to assist the UN in overcoming cash flow problems it has experienced in launching its most recent peacekeeping operations. As any such UN mission in Cambodia will be one of the most complex peacekeeping operations ever undertaken, it is important that member states ensure that funding be available at the outstart. Australia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Ireland, Italy and New Zealand will make similar contributions.

"The Cambodian situation has long been a difficult and seemingly intractable problem. Progress may now be possible," added Mr. Clark. "Canada, as a Pacific country with growing ties with Asia and as a country with a long history of contributing to the peace process in Indochina, considers it important to provide early support to ensure that the UN has the necessary financial resources at the out-set for a peacekeeping mission in Cambodia. The Canadian contribution is a signal to all the Cambodian parties that Canada is firmly committed to a United Nations role in a viable settlement."