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CLARK GIVES CANADA'S REACTION TO THE 1988 PEACE NOBEL
PRIZE AWARD TO UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES

"All Canadians will feel pride and pleasure at the decision of the Nobel Committee to award its Peace Prize to United Nations Peacekeeping Forces.

"No country has been more steadfast or supportive in its commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping than Canada, and it is worth remembering that peacekeeping as we know it today was begun on a Canadian initiative more than 30 years ago. We have been participants in every U.N. Peacekeeping action since that time, a record unsurpassed by any other U.N. Member.

"This would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Canadian people to the ideals and aims of the United Nations Charter.

"This award will have a special meaning for more than 80,000 Canadian men and women who have served in U.N. Peacekeeping contingents in almost every quarter of the globe in the last three decades. This work has often been difficult even dangerous and 78 Canadians have given their lives in this duty. At this very hour, Canadians continue to patrol the ramparts of peace in several troubled regions, including Iran/Iraq, Cyprus, the Middle East and Afghanistan/Pakistan.

"Today's award recognizes the immeasurable value of the contribution of these brave men and women to the cause of peace".

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