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Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SITUATION IN ROMANIA

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations among the parties and I think you would find that there is unanimous agreement for the approval of the following motion which I would move, seconded by my colleagues from Northumberland and Winnipeg Transcona:

That this House, noting that:

-authorities in Romania have directed their armed forces and police to attack the unarmed civilian population of Timisoara in contravention of all humane principles of conduct,

- the citizens of Timisoara were peacefully advocating democratic principles and human freedoms, as is the right of all peoples of the world and

-hundreds of citizens of Timisoara have been killed and injured as a result of the immoral attack,

unequivocally condemns this brutal use of force against the population of Timisoara and other Romanian communities and calls upon the authorities of Romania to cease this senseless killing and violence and to begin to respect the human rights of all its citizens.

[Translation]

These immoral attacks have killed and injured hundreds of people.

It unanimously condemn the excessive force used against the people of Timisoara and other Romanian communities.

It insist that the Government of Romania stop this massacre and this senseless violence immediately and that it respect the rights and freedoms of all its citizens. [English]

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I would like to just add to the words of my colleague across the floor in the condemnation of Romania for its actions in that country of late, particularly as against the citizens of Timisoara.

Canada has had trade relations with Romania in the past. I think that these trade relations must be reassessed in light of what is happening to these people. Romania has signed a human rights convention with the Community of Economic and Development Co-operation in Europe but has taken every opportunity to personally abstain from abiding by the convention which it has signed.

I think that this government, and we as a nation, should do everything we can to approach the governments of the region in a bilateral fashion including trying ourselves to negotiate with the Government of Romania to try to bring to its attention that we disapprove of what it has perpetrated against its own people and that we ask it to change its ways.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, last night, members of all three parties had an opportunity to participate in a vigil held outside the unfinished human rights monument in front of the courthouse on Elgin Street. At that time we had an opportunity to meet