The Centre is located in Montreal. Although it will receive initial government funding of \$15 million over the next five years, the Centre is authorized to seek out other public and private funding to expand its activities. Said Mr. Clark, "Canada is well known for its unswerving commitment to developing nations. Rights and freedoms are equally as important as economic progress. This centre is a unique channel through which all Canadians can direct our resources and, indeed, our ideals towards a freer, more prosperous world."

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