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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS' ATTENDANCE
AT THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON KAMPUCHEA IN NEW YORK, JULY 13, 1981

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, confirmed today that he will attend the United Nations International Conference on Kampuchea commencing July 13, 1981 in New York.

Dr. MacGuigan will speak on July 13 to the Conference which is being attended by over 60 nations concerned with the situation in Kampuchea. Canada co-sponsored resolutions on Kampuchea at both the 34th (1979) and 35th (1980) sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. The most recent of these resolutions called for the convening of an international conference on Kampuchea in 1981. Canada believes that this Conference will be the important first step in efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to the situation in Kampuchea.

Dr. MacGuigan recently held discussions in Manila with the Foreign Ministers of the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN's other dialogue partners (Japan, the USA, the European Community, New Zealand and Australia). The situation in Kampuchea was an important part of these discussions.