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VISIT TO AFRICA

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JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 3, 1988

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that he will be in Africa January 27 to February 3, 1988 to attend meetings of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) as well as to pay official visits to Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Mr. Clark will chair the first meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa on February 1 and 2 in Lusaka, Zambia. The Committee is comprised of the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was established at the Vancouver Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting last October to meet periodically to provide high level impetus and guidance in furthering Commonwealth objectives aimed at ending apartheid in South Africa.

Prior to this meeting, Mr. Clark will deliver on January 28, a keynote address to the eighth annual consultative meeting of SADCC in Arusha, Tanzania. Canada contributes approximately \$30 million annually to this organization of nine southern African states (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) committed to increasing regional economic development and reducing dependence on South Africa. Mr. Clark will also sign three CIDA-financed SADCC projects. At Arusha, Mr. Clark will have an opportunity to meet with senior representatives of Tanzania and other government leaders.

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