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## CANADA PAYS 1988 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICAO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada paid to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) its assessment in full for 1988 well in advance of its due date. Canada's Permanent Representative to ICAO, Mr. Dionigi (Dan) Fiorita presented to the ICAO a cheque for \$US 847,809.00 (equal to \$CDN 1,108,340.71) representing Canada's 2.92 per cent share of the ICAO regular budget.

Canada is the first major contributor to pay its assessed contribution for 1988. The immediate payment by Canada of its 1988 assessed contribution will provide concrete assistance to ICAO at a time of severe financial crisis.

The crisis at ICAO is the result of accumulated arrears by a large number of Member States and was made much more acute in 1987 by the major contributor's withholding of a significant portion of its assessment.

The Government of Canada is concerned that severe contingency measures may be required to deal with the financial crisis at ICAO including the dismissal of persons in the professional and support staff categories. The Government of Canada while recognizing the need for restraint will attempt to work with other ICAO members to minimize the impact of the crisis on the work of the Organization.