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MR. CLARK ANNOUNCES THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AFFECTING KUWAIT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Government has amended the Iraq-Kuwait sanctions regulations to ensure that the measures respecting Kuwait are lifted, while those respecting Iraq remain in place. The amendment gives effect to Security Council Resolution 686 (1991), adopted on March 2, 1991, by ensuring that the regulations cease to apply to Kuwait.

Canadians and Canadian companies are now free to engage in all trade and financial transactions with Kuwait. However, because the United Nations has not yet lifted its sanctions against Iraq, the regulations continue to apply to Iraq.

The rapid action taken by the Government of Canada reaffirms its commitment to the Government and the people of Kuwait to ensure the swiftest possible reconstruction of their country.

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