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JOINT CANADA-USA DECLARATION ON NO TAKE-OFF OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Benoit Bouchard, Minister of Transport, and the Solicitor General, the Honourable James Kelleher have issued the following statement:

"The Governments of Canada and the United States agree that, except under extraordinary circumstances, they will not allow hijacked aircraft which has landed in their territory to take off again. They will also make every effort to consult with the State of the Operator of the aircraft. The two governments, in accordance with international obligations, will take all appropriate measures to restore control of a hijacked aircraft to its lawful commander, and to detain the hijackers for the purpose of prosecution or extradition".

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