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## MR. CLARK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CSCE ON OCTOBER 1 AND 2

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that he would be participating in the ministerial meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to be held in New York on October 1 and 2. The meeting will include the Foreign Ministers of the 35 participating states--all the European states with the exception of Albania, together with Canada and the United States.

The meeting is a major step in preparations for the CSCE Summit, which will take place in Paris November 19 to 21. "The Paris Summit is a historic event marking the end of the Cold War and the beginning of a new era of trust and cooperation in East-West relations," stated Mr. Clark. In New York, the ministers will take stock of the preparatory work for the Summit currently under way in Vienna, and will lay the groundwork for the final stage of this work.

Canada's goal for the Paris Summit is to have a solemn decision made by the Heads of State and Government to expand the role of the CSCE. This must include a leading responsibility both in the development of a framework for collective security encompassing Europe and North America and also in the promotion of democracy, human rights, and economic and environmental cooperation.

The New York meeting is also occurring at a key time, in view of the ongoing negotiations on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE), the first agreement of which is to be concluded prior to the Summit, and in view of German unification, scheduled to occur on October 3. The meeting will therefore be an opportunity for broad consultation on a wide range of issues.