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## CLARK WELCOMES DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN MYANMAR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today welcomed reports that Myanmar's national elections were largely free of manipulation and the results appear to be a reflection of the will of the people.

In the elections held on May 27th, a large voter turnout gave overwhelming majority support to the main opposition party, the National League for Democracy. Mr. Clark extended his best wishes to the new parliament of Myanmar in its task of drafting a new constitution.

"Canada calls upon the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the current interim government, to continue to support the process leading to a prompt, peaceful and orderly transfer of power to a duly elected parliament," stated Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark also called upon the Government of Myanmar to release immediately opposition leaders Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Tin Oo, and other political detainees, so that they may participate in the process leading to the restoration of democracy in Myanmar. Their freedom will serve as a crucial first step on the path toward democracy and provide an important signal to the international community.