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## McDOUGALL WELCOMES FINAL PEACE ACCORDS IN EL SALVADOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today welcomed the signing of the final peace accords that will mark the end of 12 years of conflict in El Salvador.

"I would like to convey my sincere congratulations to the Government of El Salvador and to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, on the successful conclusion of their efforts to bring peace to El Salvador. The signing of the peace accords in Mexico today is truly an historic occasion, not only for the people of El Salvador, but for all of Central America," stated Mrs. McDougall.

Final details of the agreement were completed early in the morning of January 14, following three weeks of intensive negotiations at United Nations headquarters in New York. The comprehensive agreement contains provisions with the potential to bring about extensive changes in the political, judicial and social structures of El Salvador.

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