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CLARK ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTION TO NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced a \$75,000 contribution by Canada to the NATO Democratic Institutions Fellowship Programme. The Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Don Mazankowski, informed NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner of Canada's contribution today in Brussels.

"Promoting an understanding of the democratic process and strengthening academic links provides important support for the development of democracy in Eastern Europe," stated Mr. Clark. "I am pleased that Canada is able to make this contribution to this excellent fellowship program."

The Democratic Institutions Fellowship Programme is a Canadian initiative endorsed by NATO Heads of State and Government at their May 1989 Summit. It promotes the study of democratic institutions and their functioning. This programme joins a number of other longstanding NATO Fellowship programmes and is unique in that it is open to citizens of both Eastern European and NATO countries.

Potential areas of study and candidate qualifications are deliberately kept broad and flexible to encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds. Interest in the programme, especially in Eastern Europe, is very high, and demand now far outstrips the 40 fellowships available in total under the current combined NATO Fellowships budget. Canada's \$75,000 contribution will enable an additional eight applicants to benefit from the fellowship experience.

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