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## CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN FACT-FINDING

### MISSION TO CAMBODIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada had agreed to participate in the United Nations Secretary-General's fact-finding mission to Cambodia, as agreed to by the Paris Conference on Cambodia this past week.

This mission, consisting of fifteen members, is currently gathering in Bangkok, Thailand. Its main objective will be to conduct a technical survey to determine what resources and infrastructures would be available in Cambodia to support an eventual International Control Mechanism. It will be led by Major General Vadset, currently Chief of Staff for the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) in Jerusalem.

The Canadian contribution to this mission will consist of a logistics officer in the person of Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Pierre Ducharme, currently working in Ottawa at National Defence Headquarters.

At the opening Ministerial session of the Paris Conference last week, Mr. Clark was a strong proponent for the sending of such a technical mission. Canadian participation is without prejudice to an eventual Canadian decision on whether or not to participate in an International Control Mechanism for Cambodia. This continues to depend on whether or not there is a genuine peace settlement and an agreement on effective operating rules, limited duration, and appropriate financing.

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