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## CLARK WELCOMES LITHUANIAN POLL RESULTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, welcomed the results of the poll on independence held in Lithuania, February 9.

"This is the clearest indication yet of the Lithuanian peoples' resolve," Mr. Clark stated. "We are pleased that it took place without incident and hope that this positive trend will continue."

Mr. Clark noted that more than 84 per cent of the eligible voters turned out and of those, more than 90 per cent said yes to a democratic and independent Lithuania.

"Canadian Embassy officers were there and observed the polling," Mr. Clark said. "By all accounts it was a free and fair vote."

Mr. Clark underlined that Canada is actively encouraging negotiated solutions consistent with the legitimate right of the people of Lithuania and the other Baltic States to determine their own future.

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