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### Junior Ministers of Industry and of Trade.

In his speech, Mr Clark identified ASEAN as "the most successful regional organization of its type in the world". He advanced the idea of building on ASEAN's established dialogue consultation process to add a "third circle of cooperation" to involve other countries in this process. He also stated that Canadian official development assistance would not be diverted from developing countries as a result of recent events in central and eastern Europe: "... our help to Europe will not come at the expense of our traditional partners in development."

Mr Clark travelled from Jakarta to Singapore for the second ministerial meeting on Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) on July 30-31, 1990.

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now have in the present dialogue arrangement. ASEAN Ministers meet among themselves in their annual ministerial meeting; the First Circle. Dialogue partners join them for informal consultations on a broad international political and economic agenda in the forum of the PMC: the Second Circle.

The Third Circle could be based on a further phase of consultations, this time with countries which may not share the full range of values common to ASEAN and the current dialogue partners but countries which nevertheless have a substantial stake in the stability and prosperity of the region....

[I]t is important for ways to be found to integrate South Asia into the economic and political life of Asia-Pacific, not only because these nations have something to learn but also because they have something to contribute.

Of course, this sort of initiative would have to be led by ASEAN members who lie at the heart of the region. It has been their leadership which has brought the Association to the remarkable position of respect from all nations. ASEAN has developed the techniques which work in this region. Canada, for one, would encourage ASEAN to apply these lessons for the betterment of themselves and for the entire Asia-Pacific region.

# SINGAPORE APEC MEETING: Intervention by Joe Clark



At the Singapore APEC Meeting. From left: Pehin Dato Abd. Rahman, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam; Mr Joe Clark; and Mr Ali Alatas, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

The following are excerpts from the intervention made by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, at the Second Ministerial Meeting on Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Singapore on July 30, 1990:

"The Asia-Pacific region is one of the most dynamic in the world. It comprises an impressive diversity, but has shown remarkable economic and trade growth in recent years. These striking achievements highlight the importance of an open, multilateral trading system to countries at all levels of development. It is an example, and a lesson, that we should bear in mind as we work towards a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round....

Our collective and individual commitment to a comprehensive and substantial outcome must be unmistakable as we enter the last, critical phase of the Uruguay Round. APEC countries must, by our example, challenge other participants to commit themselves to a truly big package that adequately reflects the interests of all countries. Such a result is only too clearly in the economic self-interest of APEC participants. The consequences of failure are equally clear: weaker economies and greater reliance on unilateralism. We cannot afford to fail. Nor do I believe that we will. Clearly there is a strong sense of disappointment, and even pessimism concerning the state of the negotiations. But a great deal of work has been done, the issues are clear and although the time is short, we can achieve a balanced substantive outcome. Let us be forward-looking and strong in our determination to work together."