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CLARK ANNOUNCES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR ROMANIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Canadian government is immediately providing \$100,000 to the Canadian Red Cross in response to its appeal for cash contributions for emergency medical supplies for Romania.

"The International Red Cross has a proven record in providing emergency relief," stated Mr. Clark. "Cash contributions to the Red Cross are a highly effective way for Canada and Canadians to give humanitarian assistance to Romanians."

The situation in Romania remains unsettled. Mr. Clark expressed the hope that the tragic bloodshed would end immediately and that the new regime and the Romanian people can work together peacefully and democratically to rebuild their country.

The Canadian Embassy is keeping in touch with Canadians in Romania. All are believed to be safe. The Embassy remains operational and is providing consular assistance to those Canadians who might wish to leave.