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SITUATION IN LEBANON

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark expressed today his very serious concern over the severe escalation of violence in Lebanon. The appalling toll in human life and massive destruction cannot be justified and Canada calls on Syria and all Lebanese parties to agree to a comprehensive cease-fire and to respect it unconditionally.

Mr. Clark noted that he had recently discussed the situation in Lebanon with UN Secretary-General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar in Paris. He added that Canada was consulting with the Permanent members of the Security Council, particularly France, and would support any international initiative which could bring an end to the Lebanese conflict. He emphasized that Canada continues to support the exceptional mediation efforts of the Tripartite Committee of Arab Heads of States on Lebanon and encourages it to persevere.

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