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VISIT OF MR. JAN MARTENSON, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Mr. Jan Martenson, Under Secretary-General, Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations, will visit Ottawa March 19.

During his visit, Mr. Martenson will discuss United Nations activities in the field of arms control and disarmament and the United Nations World Disarmament Campaign with the Ambassador for Disarmament and officials of the Departments of External Affairs and National Defence. He will also be meeting with parliamentarians and members of Canadian non-governmental organizations.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs welcomed the visit of Mr. Martenson in view of the Government of Canada's continuing support of United Nations' efforts to inform, educate and generate public understanding of the efforts being made in the field of arms control and disarmament. In this regard, he referred to a letter sent by Mr. Martenson to Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Stephen Lewis, on February 25. In the letter, Mr. Martenson expressed his gratitude to the Government of Canada for its contribution of \$100,000.00 to the World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Fund. This contribution was in addition to a similar contribution of \$100,000.00 in 1983 towards the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign including the work of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Mr. Martenson stated that: "I am particularly impressed by the fact that Canada is among the few member states to make a double contribution to the campaign fund. It will indeed further the goals of the campaign and we are grateful for your generosity."

Canada has been actively involved in the World Disarmament Campaign since its inception and continues to meet the objectives of the campaign within Canada through a variety of information and research activities in the field of arms control and disarmament.

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