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## SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO VISIT CENTRAL AMERICA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will visit Central America from November 21 to 29, 1987. During his trip, he will visit Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

In announcing the upcoming visit, Mr. Clark re-affirmed Canada's support for the Central American Peace Plan and willingness to contribute to it in a direct and practical way. Mr. Clark said that the challenge for Central America's friends is to help the countries of the region achieve their own peace in their own way and that he wanted to see for himself what more Canada could do to meet that challenge.

Mr. Clark's visit, his first to the region, will provide an opportunity to discuss the Peace Plan first-hand with Central American leaders, as well as to discuss additional subjects such as development assistance and human rights.