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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS INVITES CANADIANS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS TO APPLY FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today called on Canadians of all backgrounds to take advantage of career opportunities in Canada's foreign service. In the coming weeks, officers of the Department of External Affairs will be visiting universities across Canada to speak about the opportunities and challenges of a career in the foreign service.

The aim of the recruitment process is to attract applications from talented Canadians of all ethnic backgrounds and from all parts of the country. Mr. Clark said "The foreign service is Canada's voice and face abroad. I want to ensure that the richness of our ethnic diversity and the vitality of our multicultural society is fully reflected - for the whole world to see - in the women and men who make up the Canadian foreign service".

Positions for university graduates will be available in the four major "streams" of the work of a foreign service officer: Political and Economic Affairs, Social Affairs (Immigration), Trade Commissioner Service and Development Assistance. Approximately 100 openings will be filled through this year's recruiting.

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