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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations, the Honourable Monique Landry, are pleased to announce today that the Honourable Walter F. McLean has agreed to assume duties as Special Representative on Southern Africa and Commonwealth Affairs.

Mr. McLean will have responsibilities both in Canada and abroad. He will focus on Southern African issues in both the United Nations and the Commonwealth. Mr. McLean may also be called upon to address selected international development issues related to Africa, and may be asked to play a role in bilateral relations with the countries of the region.

Mr. McLean is the Member of Parliament for Waterloo. In the recent past he has undertaken several important tasks on African issues, such as representing the Government at the United Nations and at the Ministerial meeting on Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC) in Luanda, Angola. He also accompanied the Secretary of State for External Affairs at the meetings of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Committee on Southern Africa, including the third meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe in February.

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