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CANADA AND IRAN NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Governments of Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran have agreed with effect from July 18, 1988, to resume normal diplomatic relations. Accordingly, the two sides will exchange ambassadors.

The Canadian Government for its part states that this development, which it welcomes, reflects the significance it attaches to relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, a nation of major importance in the Middle East, in view of the consequences of the Islamic Revolution and Iran's strategic position and role on the international scene.

Both sides believe that restoration of full diplomatic relations will lead to increased exchanges in all fields to the mutual benefit of Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Both sides will endeavour to pursue possible areas for future bilateral cooperation.

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