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EXECUTION OF JOURNALIST IN IRAQ

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, expressed today his horror at the execution of Farzad Bazoft, the British-based journalist convicted for spying by an Iraqi Revolutionary Court. Canada joins the world community in condemning this act of barbarism and shares very serious reservations about the conduct of Mr. Bazoft's trial.

Mr. Clark noted that reports of Iraq's abuse of human rights are disturbingly frequent and that this latest event does nothing to bring Iraq into line with universally recognized standards of behaviour. Canada has on many occasions expressed its concerns over Iraq's approach to human rights both bilaterally and in United Nations bodies.

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