Canada's Secretary Of State For External Affairs Attends ASEAN PMC

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Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, accompanied by his spouse, Ms Maureen McTeer, was in Jakarta on July 26-29, 1990, to attend the annual ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC). This was the sixth consecutive PMC at which Mr Clark has represented Canada. Mr Clark and his ministerial colleagues from ASEAN and other dialogue partner states discussed a full agenda of global and regional issues, including Cambodia, refugees, and the GATT Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

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Mr Clark also had separate discussions with the foreign ministers of Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

The ASEAN foreign ministers formally accepted Mr Clark's invitation to a special ASEAN-Canada ministerial dialogue session scheduled for October 5-7, 1990, in Jasper, Alberta.

Mr Clark devoted July 26, before the opening of the PMC, to a bilateral program focused on Canada-Indonesia relations. Mr Clark met with Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas to discuss common interests. Later, Mr Clark signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indonesia's Minister for the Role of Women, Mrs Sulasikin Murpratomo, regarding a Canadian Development Cooperation project to enhance the role of women in development in Indonesia.

Mr Clark also addressed a luncheon on July 26 co-sponsored by the Canadian Business Association and Canadian Women's Club of Jakarta and the Indonesia-Canada Business Council. Head table guests included Indonesia's Minister of National Planning, the Minister for the Role of Women, and the



Mr Joe Clark (far left) at the CBA-ICBC luncheon with Minister Saleh Ariff and Ambassador Ingrid Hall

Secretary Of State For External Affairs Outlines Security Initiative

Excerpts from a speech delivered by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, at a luncheon hosted by the Indonesia-Canada Business Association — Jakarta, July 26, 1990

The relaxation in superpower tensions and the new approaches to security and cooperation in Europe raise the question of whether Asia-Pacific nations should consider developing a wider framework for political and economic dialogue....

I believe that the process and techniques of consultation developed in the ASEAN dialogue forum offer a model for improving cooperation more broadly within the Asia-Pacific region. I wonder if some way could be found to apply these same techniques and attitudes to engage other Asia-Pacific nations.

What I have in mind is the creation of what I would call a "third circle of cooperation". It would be built on the foundation of what we (cont on page 2)

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