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## EXPULSIONS OF ETHNIC TURKS FROM BULGARIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, expressed today his grave concern over the rapidly increasing number of expulsions of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria. He commented that such action by the Bulgarian authorities, "is a flagrant violation of human rights obligations by Bulgaria."

Mr. Clark had earlier raised the issue in Paris two weeks ago at the first Conference on the Human Dimension when he urged Bulgaria to abide by its commitments under the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Mr. Clark also announced that on June 16 the Bulgarian Chargé d'Affaires was called into the Department where Canadian concerns over this situation was reiterated.

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