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CLARK HOLDS CONSULTATIONS IN EUROPE WITH IRISH AND GREEK COUNTERPARTS MAY 11-14, 1990

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will be in Europe from May 11-14, 1990 to hold consultations with his Irish and Greek counterparts.

In Dublin, on May 11, Mr. Clark will meet with Foreign Minister Gerard Collins, who is presently Chairman of the European Community (EC) Foreign Affairs Council. In addition to reviewing Canada-Ireland relations, the Minister will focus on issues of common concern to Canada and the EC such as overfishing problems in the North Atlantic, Canada's interest and role in new emerging European political, economic and security structures, recent developments in Southern Africa and other regional matters. Mr. Clark will also meet with the Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Charles Haughey. This is the second time since Ireland assumed the Presidency of the EC Council in January 1990 that there have been extensive consultations between the Canadian and Irish foreign ministers.

On May 14 Mr. Clark will meet with the Greek Foreign Minister Antonis Samaras in Athens where they will discuss ways to strengthen further our well-established bilateral relationship. They will address international issues such as Cyprus, South Africa, and East-West relations. The new Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Constantine Mitsotakis, will also meet with Mr. Clark.

These meetings with the Greek and Irish Foreign Ministers are the latest in a series of intense consultations Canada has undertaken with European counterparts to address changes in Europe, particularly their implications for Canada and its partners in NATO and the CSCE, the future of the transatlantic relationship and the further integration of the European Community. In addition to discussing these issues with NATO and Warsaw Pact foreign ministers at the Ottawa "Open Skies" Conference in February, and again at the NATO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels on May 3, Mr. Clark has held a number of