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CLARK AND BEATTY ANNOUNCE DELIVERY OF  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ROMANIA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, today jointly announced that Canada has sent Canadian medical supplies worth \$500,000 to assist Romania.

"Like many Canadians, I was deeply moved and distressed by media reports on the plight of Romanian children in institutions. The situation was desperate and compelling," said Mr. Clark. The Department of External Affairs, with the technical assistance of the Department of National Health and Welfare, purchased and shipped the supplies after the Canadian Embassy in Bucharest established the priority needs of the Romanian Ministry of Health.

Becton Dickinson Canada Inc. of Mississauga provided over a million disposable syringes, as well as surgical gloves and swabs. The items which have a retail value of half a million dollars, were provided to External Affairs at a preferred price. (The supplies fill two tractor trailer trucks.) These supplies will help Romania combat and prevent such health problems as the spread of AIDS, which has been diagnosed among Romanian children.

"As a Canadian, I am proud to be a part of this joint government and private industry initiative, which will help the Romanian people during these difficult times," said Mr. Beatty.

This shipment of medical supplies is in addition to the announcement made in December 1989 by Mr. Clark of \$100,000 for emergency humanitarian relief for Romania.

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