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NEW INITIATIVES ANNOUNCED TO STRENGTHEN CANADA-PHILIPPINES RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today announced major new initiatives between Canada and the Philippines in the areas of development assistance, trade and extradition co-operation.

"These agreements illustrate the breadth of co-operation between our two countries", stated Mr. Clark. "They demonstrate that Canada strongly supports the Aquino Government's efforts to bring genuine social progress to the Philippines and to restore democratic institutions there."

Canada will commit approximately \$125 million to four development projects in the Philippines. Minister Landry said "These long-term arrangements reflect Canada's commitment to strengthen development co-operation with the Philippines, and to stimulate economic growth and regional development.

A \$4.9-million Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) contribution in the area of environmental management will enable Canadian universities and private-sector representatives, under the leadership of Dalhousie University, to provide Philippine universities with important expertise in environmental and resource management.

A second CIDA project will assist the Philippines in purchasing a range of commodities from Canada over the next five years, up to a value of \$50 million. These will include the purchase of paper, vaccines and related equipment to support government programs in education and health as well as the purchase of potash and steel to support selected public sector projects in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

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