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## THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOE CLARK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Mr. Clark holds a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Alberta, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick.

A former journalist and political advisor, Mr. Clark was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1972. He has been re-elected to the House in 1974, 1979, 1980 and 1984.

On February 22, 1976 he was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on June 4, 1979, following the May 22 general election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980.

On September 17, 1984 Mr. Clark was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs in the new majority Progressive Conservative government. He is Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Foreign and Defence Policy and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Priorities and Planning Committee on Trade.

Since 1984, Mr. Clark has focused his attention on returning Canada to its traditional role of consistent and constructive internationalism.

