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MR. CLARK ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, will pay a two day official visit to Canada on February 14 and 15, following his participation in the "Open Skies" Conference.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Shevardnadze will meet with the Governor General, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clark, and members of the House of Commons Standing Committees on External Affairs and International Trade and on National Defence, as well as members of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Shevardnadze's talks with Mr. Clark will cover a number of topics, including the results of the "Open Skies" Conference, East-West relations, the future shape of Europe, arms control and disarmament, international economic cooperation, and regional issues such as recent developments in South Africa, the Middle East, Central America and the Asia-Pacific region. two ministers will address bilateral questions and follow up on the discussions held and the agreements signed last November in Moscow during the visit of the Prime Minister and Mr. Clark to the USSR.