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## JOE CLARK CONCLUDES JASPER MEETING OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS

JASPER, ALBERTA - The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today concluded the Special Canada-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Jasper. The informal discussions, which began on October 4th in Calgary, marked the first time that Foreign Ministers of ASEAN states (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) had met outside of Asia as guests of a 'dialogue' country. Member states include Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Mr. Clark also hosted Canadian cabinet colleagues the Hon. John Crosbie, the Hon. Benoit Bouchard, the Hon. Monique Landry and the Hon. Mary Collins.

"ASEAN has developed into a flexible organization for co-operation and dialogue among its members and others on a variety of regional and global issues, both economic and political. It has become a singular force for moderation and peace," said Mr. Clark. The Minister noted the unique relationship which has developed with countries outside the organization, particularly its 'dialogue partners,' which include Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and the European Community.

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