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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA GOES WEST

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that External Affairs and International Trade Canada will be holding an "External Affairs-West" week in Calgary from January 29 to February 2, 1990. The Minister and a core group of the Department's senior officials will temporarily relocate to Calgary. They will direct the on-going business of the Department from there, and will participate in a wide-ranging program of seminars and meetings with groups and individuals.

"This event has a dual purpose," stated Mr. Clark. "It provides Canadians in Alberta with the opportunity to meet with senior government officials easily, to discuss foreign policy and international business interests. At the same time, it encourages the Department's Ottawa-based officers to develop a better understanding of the West and its concerns."

On January 31 in Calgary, Mr. Clark will make a keynote address on international trade to the city's Chamber of Commerce, and on February 1, he will make a speech on Latin America at the University of Calgary. His program also includes meetings with municipal authorities, cultural and multicultural groups, business representatives, university and high school students and educators, and the media.

Visiting officials of the Department, including the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, two Assistant Deputy Ministers and over ten other senior officials responsible for the full-range of Canada's international political and trade initiatives around the world also have extensive programs. They will participate in a series of 12 seminars on diverse topics - nine of which are being sponsored in cooperation with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

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The Chamber seminars will focus on subjects such as developing trade and business opportunities with Asia-Pacific, Central and South America, and the USSR and Eastern Europe, as well as with Western Europe after the creation of the EC's "single market" in 1992. Departmental experts will also give presentations on the current round of GATT negotiations and what they mean for the agriculture sector, petroleum service contract opportunities abroad, the purpose and application of Canada's Export Control Act, and what "perestroika" and "glasnost" mean for business.

At the University of Calgary, External Affairs people will hold seminars on Changes in Eastern Europe, Human Rights in the East Bloc and Careers in the Foreign Service. They will also act as guest lecturers to specific classes throughout the week.

"I believe this effort to bring the Department to the people will be a very positive experience for all those involved," said Mr. Clark, "and I hope to hold this type of event in other areas of Canada in the future."

In addition to the scheduled seminars, the Department's officials will be available to meet with interested groups and persons, as time permits. Such appointments can be arranged through the local offices of federal Members of Parliament in the Calgary area.

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