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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CEREMONY ON PARLIAMENT HILL

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced the details of a special ceremony to commemorate the International Day of Peace that will take place in the Rotunda of the Centre Block on Parliament Hill at noon on September 16.

Mr. Clark said that this ceremony is being held in recognition of the UN-declared International Day of Peace, which falls on the third Tuesday in September of each year. This Day holds special significance in 1986, which has been declared the International Year of Peace (IYP) by the United Nations.

Mr. Clark announced that Senator Lowell Murray, Government Senate Leader and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations, will represent the Government of Canada at the ceremony. Mr. Clark noted that special projects undertaken by various Government Departments to mark the International Year of Peace will be displayed in the rotunda beginning at noon on September 16. These projects form part of Canada's IYP programme previously announced by Mr. Clark on March 6.

During the ceremony, the Honourable René J. Marin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Canada Post Corporation, will unveil a special embossed stamp commemorating the IYP. The Master of the Mint, Mr. Maurice Lafontaine, will present a special \$100 IYP gold coin issued by the Mint in August. Mr. Douglas Roche, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament and Chairman of the Canadian Government's IYP Committee, will also address the ceremony, as will General Paul Manson, Chief of the Defence Staff of the Department of National Defence.

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Mr. Clark also noted that the Dominion Carillonneur will play the Peace Tower carillon in recognition of the International Day of Peace as part of the privately-inspired "Peal for Peace" project that will see bells ringing in a number of Canadian communities on September 16.

Mr. Clark said that the September 16 ceremony reflects the continued commitment of the Canadian Government to the pursuit of international peace and security and its support for the objectives of the International Year of Peace as outlined in the IYP resolution, co-sponsored by Canada, that received the unanimous consent of the United Nations General Assembly on October 24, 1985. He emphasized that Canada would continue to work towards the achievement of these goals, not just in 1986 but every year.