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## SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## ATTENDS UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that he will attend the United Nations General Assembly from September 25-29, 1989. Mr. Clark will address the General Assembly on the afternoon of September 26.

Mr. Clark's speech will set the tone for Canada's participation in the three-month-long General Assembly this fall. It will focus on the current climate of greater pragmatism and multilateral cooperation on the world scene which offers the United Nations and all countries fresh opportunities in trying to resolve global problems.

"UN member states are now looking to this organization for more effective solutions to the world's problems with arms control, environment, debt, poverty, homelessness, drug trafficking, terrorism and human rights", stated the Minister. "The renewed commitment of the member states to multilateralism provides the United Nations with the strength it needs to offer leadership and coordination in building a secure global future."

Highlights of Mr. Clark's programme include a working dinner he will host on September 26 to discuss matters of hemispheric interest with Foreign Ministers of the Rio Group (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela). The Minister will also receive the Heads of Delegation of all U.N. member states at a Canadian reception to be held on September 27.

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On September 28, Mr. Clark will give a luncheon address on the evolving situation in South Africa to the Council on Foreign Relations, a prestigious organization involving the business, financial and academic communities of New York. That evening the Minister will join Foreign Ministers of the other G-7 countries (France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, UK and the USA) to follow up on discussions held at the Paris Economic Summit last June. The Secretary of State will also be holding a number of bilateral meetings with other countries' Foreign Ministers during his visit to New York.

During the upcoming General Assembly, Canada will be paying special attention to assisting with plans for an effective UN Conference on the Environment and Development in 1992, to strengthening support for UN peacekeeping, to developing a comprehensive approach to debt reduction (including exploring possibilities for a practical, well-focussed dialogue between North and South), to encouraging the implementation of human rights standards, and to helping formulate an active and realistic programme against the international drug trade. Canada will continue to promote the United Nations as the best international forum for confronting serious global problems.

The Secretary of State's visit will take place on the eve of Canada's assumption of the Presidency of the Security Council this October. The Presidency of the Council rotates among its fifteen members on a monthly basis. During the month of October, the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Ambassador Yves Fortier, will chair Security Council meetings.

Canada has been serving as a member of the Security Council since January 1989. During these first nine months of our two-year membership mandate, Canada has been making an active contribution to the Council's discussions on Namibia, Lebanon, Israel and the Occupied Territories, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq, Cyprus, South Africa, and on the security implications of terrorism and drug trafficking.

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