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## THE AMBASSADOR FOR DISARMAMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced the departure of Douglas Roche on the completion of his term as Ambassador for Disarmament. Mr. Roche has served the cause of arms control and disarmament with dedication and effectiveness, Mr. Clark stated, and the Government counts on his continuing advice.

Mr. Roche was appointed to the position of Ambassador for Disarmament in October 1984. In that position, he has served each year as the Head of the Canadian Delegations to the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and to the United Nations Disarmament Commission. A highlight of his term as Ambassador for Disarmament was his successful chairmanship of the First Committee of the 43rd United Nations General Assembly in 1988.

Mr. Roche also served with distinction as Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Third Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1985, and as Deputy Head of the Canadian Delegations to the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development in 1987 and to the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament in 1988.

His role as the Government's principal point of contact with Canadian non-governmental organizations and members of the public interested in issues relating to arms control, disarmament, peace and security was pursued with tireless dedication and patience. It was under Mr. Roche's direction that the Consultative Group on Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs became a knowledgeable and effective mechanism for the frank exchange of views between Government officials and interested members of the public.

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The nomination of a successor is expected shortly. Meanwhile, the Minister said that Mr. Roche has agreed to remain in the position until the summer, in order to facilitate the transition.