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CANADA WELCOMES GERMAN UNITY, OCTOBER 3, 1990.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today sent a special message to Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher congratulating the Government of Germany on the historic occasion of German unity. In less than a year since the dramatic breach of the Berlin Wall, the goal of German unification has been achieved. Mr. W. Thomas Delworth, Canada's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, will represent Canada at the German Unity Celebrations in Berlin on October 3.

"Few events in recent history hold more significance and hope for Europe and its partners. For the first time in decades our common goal within the Alliance of achieving a Europe united in peace and freedom is now within reach", stated Mr. Clark. "We are pleased that this goal has been achieved peacefully, in consultation with all interested parties."

"Germany knows that it can count on Canada's continued support and active engagement in the shaping of a "New Europe". Our mutual commitment to our common future was confirmed during the recent state visit to Canada by President Richard von Weizsaecker. It was also reaffirmed to me by Foreign Minister Genscher during the Special Meeting of CSCE Foreign Ministers in New York which I attended yesterday and today", stated Mr. Clark.

With unification and the restoration of full sovereignty to Germany, Mr. Clark also announced that Canada's Ambassador in Bonn will become Ambassador to all Germany, and Canada's Military Mission and Consulate in Berlin will be converted and upgraded to a Consulate General, effective October 3, 1990.

The proposed Consul General in Berlin is Mr. Franco D. Pillarella, formerly Deputy Head of our Military Mission and Consulate in West Berlin. The new Consulate General's area of jurisdiction will be the City of Berlin and all

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territory formerly within the German Democratic Republic. Canada's new Consulate General in Berlin will aim to identify and promote opportunities for enhancing bilateral commercial and political relations with the united Germany. For this reason, a Trade Commissioner will be assigned to the staff shortly, as well as a Social Affairs officer.

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