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CANADA ANNOUNCES FURTHER MEASURES AGAINST IRAQ

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today commented on developments related to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"The Government of Canada has continued to pursue consultations with its friends and allies on the situation in the Middle East," Mr. Clark noted. In the course of those consultations, Prime Minister Mulroney had a lengthy discussion with President George Bush of the United States to review efforts to bring collective international pressure on Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait. Both the Prime Minister and Mr. Clark will be speaking to other of their colleagues in the international community in the coming days. As well, negotiations continue in the UN Security Council on the adoption of a package of comprehensive collective sanctions against Iraq.

Mr. Clark also noted that the Government had earlier today decided on further steps to reinforce Canada's condemnation of Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait. These included:

- an embargo on imports of Iraqi and Kuwaiti origin oil;
- placing Iraq on the Area Control List under the Export and Import Permits Act which will allow Canadian exports to Iraq to be controlled;
- suspension of the Canada-Iraq Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation and termination of Most Favoured Nation Treatment. This action will mean that Iraqi imports to Canada, other than oil which is being totally embargoed, will face higher tariffs;

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- the suspension of all trade and business promotion activity by the Government of Canada on behalf of Canadian exports to Iraq. In addition the Export Development Corporation (EDC) will be instructed to cease providing any financial coverage on new business activities of Canadian companies in Iraq and Kuwait;
- suspension of the Canada-Iraq Memorandum of Understanding on Academic, Cultural and Sports relations.

Canada has already taken action to freeze Kuwaiti assets in Canada.

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