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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOE CLARK
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
TO VISIT IRELAND AND THE PHILIPPINES
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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will be visiting Ireland and the Philippines later this month.

The visit to Ireland will take place from June 20 to 23. In Ireland, he will participate in the dedication ceremony of the memorial to the victims of the Air India Flight 182 tragedy of last June 23. The monument is located on the shore of Dunmanus Bay in southwest Ireland overlooking the North Atlantic. The monument was built by the governments of Canada, India and Ireland. The Indian and Irish Foreign Ministers, as well as many relatives and friends of the victims, are expected to participate in the dedication ceremony.

While in Ireland, Mr. Clark will also have discussions with the Irish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

Mr. Clark will proceed to the Philippines immediately after his visit to Ireland, in order to attend the annual ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference, which will be held from June 26 to 28 in Manila. This meeting brings together the Foreign Ministers of

the six members of ASEAN (Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines), as well as the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN's dialogue country partners (Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the European Community).

During the conference, Mr. Clark will have meetings to discuss bilateral issues with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and his colleagues the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.

Following the ASEAN conference, Mr. Clark will make a bilateral visit to the Philippines from June 28 to July 2. He will meet with senior members of the Philippines government, including President Corazon Aquino, Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Salvador H. Laurel. He will also visit the island of Negros in order to view Canadian development projects.

Media representatives who wish to accompany the Secretary of State for External Affairs should contact Sean Brady, Official Spokesman, Department of External Affairs (613-992-5802) without delay to discuss arrangements.