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CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS

CONFIRMED IN U.N. DAY MESSAGE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today released a letter to Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations, marking U.N. Day.

The letter, presented today to the Secretary-General by the Governor-General during Her Excellency's official visit to New York, congratulates the United Nations on its recent initiatives and confirms Canada's strong support for the world body.

The text of the letter is as follows:

"Excellency:

Allow me to extend to you, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, sincere best wishes on the occasion of the forty-fourth anniversary of the United Nations.

These are days of great optimism for the many friends of the United Nations. The U.N. can justifiably be proud of the concrete measures it has taken to lessen global tensions and contribute to the growing spirit of pragmatism and co-operation among nations. Canada's participation in U.N. peacekeeping operations worldwide is a continued vote of confidence in the work and worth of the world's Parliament.

As I write, Canada is honoured to serve as President of the Security Council for the month of October and as Council member for this year and next. The presence

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of our Governor-General and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra at today's U.N. Day celebrations in New York symbolize our country's commitment to the United Nations.

Canadians welcome the heightened respect and relevance being shown the U.N. on this, its forty-fourth anniversary. An improved international climate offers us historic opportunities to secure lasting peace and security. Let me assure you of Canada's resolve to see the United Nations live up to its full promise and potential.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration."

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