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## CANADA PARTICIPATES IN UNITED NATIONS

### SPECIAL SESSION ON DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today announced Canada's participation in the United Nations General Assembly's "Special Session on the Revitalization of Growth and Development of Developing Countries" which will take place at the United Nations in New York, April 23-28, 1990.

Minister Landry will head the Canadian delegation to the United Nations in New York, and will make a statement to the Special Session on Tuesday, April 24th.

"Canada wants to see new vigour and realism in the debates of the General Assembly on economic issues, particularly those involving development," stated Mr. Clark.

The Special Session is one of three major events on the U.N.'s calendar for 1990 dealing with the issues and concerns of developing countries. The other two are the International Development Strategy for the 1990s, which will be formally considered by the U.N. General Assembly this autumn, and the U.N. Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LLDCs), which will be held in Paris in September. Participation in these meetings underscores Canada's continuing commitment to maintaining Official Development Assistance to the developing world.

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"National governments have the responsibility to pursue sound economic policies which encourage entrepreneurship and the development of free market structures, and which reduce poverty. Governments should give special consideration to the importance of pursuing environmentally sustainable development," said Mrs. Landry. "These are important elements in Canada's dialogue with developing countries."

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