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CLARK ANNOUNCES MEASURES AGAINST ROMANIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced a series of measures in light of the actions of the Romanian authorities who are responsible for the brutal massacre of civilians in Timisoara on December 16-17 and today's bloody repression of peacefully demonstrating crowds in Bucharest.

"The horrors being perpetrated by the Romanian authorities are barbaric by any standard and deserve the harshest international condemnation and action. Canada, along with the vast majority of the Romanian people, looks forward to the existence of a regime capable of behaviour becoming of a civilized government."

The measures to be taken by the Canadian Government include the following:

- Canada will recall immediately its Ambassador to Bucharest for consultations.
- Canada will immediately revoke the General Preferential Tariff for Romanian exports to Canada.
- The Secretary of State for External Affairs will take action to ensure that Romania is placed on the Area Control List maintained under the authority of the Export Control Policy. All exports to Romania will require a ministerial permit.
- Trade and business activity involving Romania will henceforth cease to be eligible for governmental support relating to participation in international fairs or trade missions. Furthermore, trade and business activity will not be supported through the Program for Export Market Development.
- The Long-term Economic Agreement with Romania will be terminated by the Canadian Government.

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- All visits and consultations between Canadian and Romanian officials have been cancelled and none will take place until further notice.
- Canada will actively seek condemnation of Romania in the strongest terms at the United Nations Security Council.
- Canada will seek condemnation of Romania's human rights violations through the UN Human Rights Commission.

These actions follow protests delivered to the Romanian Ambassador in Canada, who was called in on December 14 and 18. They also follow attempts to lodge protests in Bucharest, which were refused by the Romanian authorities.

Mr. Clark stated that "these measures would remain in effect until Romanian authorities adopt behaviour in line with civilized values."

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