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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today released the texts of the Joint Communiqué and the Statement on Long Term Economic Relations between Canada and Romania which were issued at the conclusion of President Ceausescu's visit to Canada.

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT
OF PRESIDENT CEAUCESCU OF ROMANIA

At the invitation of the Governor General of Canada, Mme. Jeanne Sauvé, and of the Government of Canada, the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Mr. Nicolae Ceausescu, and Madame Elena Ceausescu, paid an official visit to Canada from April 14 to 17, 1985.

Besides Ottawa, the Romanian party also visited Montreal.

The President of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada held official talks to strengthen and develop the relations between their two countries, as well as on international issues of mutual interest. The talks were conducted in a cordial atmosphere of esteem and mutual understanding.

The President of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada were gratified to note the favourable evolution of Romanian-Canadian relations during recent years, based on equal rights, respect for independence and national sovereignty, non-intervention in internal affairs, refraining from the threat or use of force, and mutual advantage. They noted with satisfaction the continued exchange of visits, the development of economic, technical and scientific exchanges, and the intensification of bilateral consultations at all levels.

In a joint statement on the development of long-term economic relations, they stressed that the level of economic development of the two countries offered favourable conditions for the promotion and diversification of commercial exchanges, bilaterally, and jointly in other countries. The two sides emphasized the fruitful cooperation established between Canada and Romania in the field of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as well as the desire to amplify bilateral industrial cooperation on nuclear energy projects currently under construction in Romania, and to set up new mutually advantageous arrangements in this field, including those relating to projects in third countries. The text of the statement is attached to the communique.

The two sides also had a broad exchange of views on some of the main international questions, underlining with satisfaction their similar objectives in connection with the necessity of preserving peace, promoting a constructive dialogue, and creating a climate of confidence and cooperation among states.

The President of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada expressed their deep concern with the difficult situation in the world, and the continuing arms race, especially the nuclear one.

The two sides held the view that sustained efforts are needed for halting the arms race, agreeing on genuine and durable measures of arms limitation and disarmament, and reducing and eventually eliminating the threat to peace, whether by nuclear or conventional means.

In this context, the President of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada welcomed the beginning of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America concerning space and nuclear arms, both strategic and intermediate range, and expressed their hope that they will lead to positive results. They also emphasized that nuclear weapons should be substantially reduced and eventually eliminated, that negotiations be pursued, in order to arrive at balanced, equitable and verifiable agreements on the reduction and the eventual elimination of such weapons from Europe and the world. They expressed the hope that the Geneva negotiations will lead to major steps toward the prevention of an arms race in space, and to terminating it on earth. They also agreed that the chemical weapons should be eliminated world-wide, and that a comprehensive, verifiable ban on

chemical weapons should be achieved as soon as possible by the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Achieving security at the lowest possible level of forces, including conventional forces, through balanced, equitable and verifiable agreements on concrete measures for halting the arms race, for disarmament under appropriate international control, and for confidence-building remains a firm goal of both Romania and for Canada.

As these questions are of concern to the world community, it is necessary that, in particular, the countries participating in the Warsaw Treaty and those members of the North Atlantic Treaty, should seek to broaden this dialogue both in a bilateral context, and in existing international forums available for this purpose. The two sides stressed the importance of achieving early concrete results at the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, and at the negotiations in Vienna.

The President of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada and their delegations had an exchange of views on the principal questions of peace and security in Europe and the world, and the achievement of disarmament, and, first of all, nuclear disarmament. They agreed that no effort should be spared to develop constructive proposals and initiatives that hold forth realistic prospects of strengthening peace and security, advancing the cause of disarmament, and promoting international understanding and cooperation.

The two sides expressed their determination to contribute to the full implementation of all provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. In this context, they stressed the need for all participants to cooperate in order to achieve positive results in all CSCE meetings to be held in accordance with the Concluding Document of the Madrid meeting, including the CSCE Experts Meeting on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Ottawa.

Romania and Canada believe that, under the present international circumstances, it is vital that all states refrain from the threat or the use of force, and settle all disputes that arise among them by peaceful means.

Proceeding to an exchange of views regarding the situation in the Middle East, the two sides stood for a political solution to the conflict, for recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and for ensuring the independence and sovereignty of all states in that area, including Israel.

Both sides stood for the ending of the Iran-Iraq war, for proceeding without delay to peaceful negotiations in order to solve the conflict between the two countries.

Both sides believe that the Contadora initiative is the most appropriate avenue for the achievement of a comprehensive and workable peace agreement in Central America, and that the countries of that region must be free to seek their own solutions without interference from any source.

Special attention was attached to the problems regarding the international economic situation that continues to be extremely serious.

The two sides emphasized that cooperation for renewed progress in developing countries in order to promote economic recovery and harmonious development of all countries would be in the interest of all states. All that would be an important factor for the policy of peace and cooperation in the world.

President Nicolae Ceausescu and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney highly appreciated the fruitful character of the talks and expressed their conviction that the visit and the talks would contribute to the further development of friendship and multilateral collaboration between the two countries, in the interest of the Romanian people and the Canadian people, of peace, détente, security and general progress.

President Nicolae Ceausescu and Madame Elena Ceausescu extended their cordial thanks to Governor General Jeanne Sauv  and to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for the friendly and hospitable reception they enjoyed all through the visit.

President Nicolae Ceausescu and Madame Elena Ceausescu extended invitations to Governor General Jeanne Sauv , as well as to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to pay official visits to the Socialist Republic of Romania. The invitations were accepted with pleasure, the time for the visits is to be agreed through diplomatic channels.

**STATEMENT ON LONG TERM ECONOMIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
CANADA AND ROMANIA**

On the occasion of the official visit to Canada of the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney held talks with His Excellency President Nicolae Ceausescu with regard to the long term development of Economic Relations between Canada and Romania.

The Prime Minister and President:

Recalling the Canada-Romania Trade Agreement of July 16, 1971, and the Long-Term Agreement to promote and to develop Economic and Industrial Cooperation of May 19, 1981;

Reaffirming their commitments to the principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

Wishing to promote and develop further the economic relations between the two countries;

Considering the levels of economic development and growth potential of the two countries;

Appreciating the utility of long-term agreements for the development of economic and industrial relations;

Having regard for the existing cooperation in the development of the peaceful use of nuclear energy;

Considering that the interests of both countries and their peoples are served by cooperation between each other's firms, enterprises and economic organizations;

Have jointly:

Noted the favourable conditions for the development of economic relations established by the work of the Canada-Romania Joint Governmental Commission for Promotion of Trade and Economic Cooperation, including the protocols of this Commission.

Noted the desire of commercial partners in both countries to extend bilateral cooperation in the nuclear field on existing projects, and to develop joint opportunities for cooperation in this field as markets develop in third countries.

Noted the positive evolution of the volume of trade between the two countries, and the opportunity further to increase and diversify these bilateral exchanges.

Expressed satisfaction at the efforts of the Canada-Eastern European Trade Council and the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry jointly to establish a Canada-Romania Economic Council.

Expressed satisfaction at the extensive relationship between the Export Development Corporation of Canada and the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade, and appreciate their positive efforts jointly to develop new financing mechanisms for the expansion of bilateral commerce.

Expressed satisfaction at the recent initiatives and protocols between their respective firms, enterprises and organizations to expand technical cooperation and to pursue opportunities in third markets through joint initiatives.

In addition the Prime Minister and the President agreed that their Governments would continue:

To assist in the conclusion and implementation of mutually beneficial agreements between firms, enterprises and economic organizations from the two countries;

To promote the expansion of bilateral and economic industrial cooperation in sectors already under development, including nuclear and thermal energy production, process equipment fabrication, mineral extraction and metallurgical supply, agriculture, transportation and the transfer of engineering technology.

To encourage industrial cooperation between interested firms, enterprises and economic organizations from the two countries through:

- joint participation in natural resource development and long-term supply agreements for the provision of natural resources;
- cooperation on capital construction projects in either country or third countries as appropriate;
- establishment of joint ventures either for the production and/or marketing of goods and services;
- joint production of machinery, equipment and installations for clients in either country and for the international market;
- transfer of patent rights, technical data and know-how on terms and conditions acceptable to the contracting partners from the two countries and in accordance with the domestic laws of Canada and Romania and their respective international obligations.

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