Canadians have served with distinction in land, sea and air operations. I want to pay tribute to the courage and integrity of the thousands of Canadian forces personnel who have served with honour under the Canadian and UN flags. I pay special homage to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of peace. I express appreciation to those Canadians who will continue to participate in the UN's efforts to forge a lasting peace in the area."

Canada presently has just over 1300 troops in the former Yugoslavia. They are mainly in Bosnia, with the exception of a logistics unit and headquarters personnel operating out of Croatia.

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