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CANADA PARTICIPATES IN ELECTORAL OBSERVER MISSION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announces Canada's participation in the monitoring of the electoral process in the former Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Canada has sent a four-person team that will observe this Sunday's election as part of an international effort under the aegis of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

"This international observer mission aims at encouraging the largest possible popular participation in the elections. Given the current situation, it is particularly important that they be free, fair and equitable," said Mrs. McDougall. "I hope that these elections will be a helpful step toward a peaceful resolution of the tragic conflict in the former Yugoslavia."

The Canadian electoral mission is headed by Mr. Jacques Girard, Executive Director and General Counsel at Elections Canada. Other members are Mr. Lenard Cohen, political science professor at Simon Fraser University, Mr. Michel Marchand, federal returning officer for the region of Montreal, and Mr. Pierre Guimond from External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

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