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## CANADA CONTRIBUTES TO PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and the Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs, Kim Campbell, announced today that in response to a request from the United Nations Secretary-General, Canada will contribute up to 15 military personnel to the UN Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ). The Canadian Forces peacekeepers will be operating as military observers for ONUMOZ.

On December 16, 1992, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 797, approving the UN Secretary-General's plan for a UN peacekeeping mission in Mozambique. ONUMOZ will deploy troops, police and civilians to implement the terms of the peace agreement signed by Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano and Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) President Afonso Dhlakama in Rome on October 4, 1992, ending 16 years of civil war.

Four key elements in implementing the peace agreement are: troop demobilization and reintegration into civilian life; refugee repatriation; humanitarian assistance for displaced victims of war and drought; and preparations for national elections.

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