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QUELLET OUTRAGED BY SARAJEVO ATROCITY

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today expressed Canada's shock and outrage at the deliberate killing and wounding of hundreds of innocent civilians in Sarajevo, Saturday.

"This latest atrocity underscores the urgent need for concerted international action to prevent further violence against the innocent civilian population of Sarajevo. I emphasized this in conversations today with U.S. Secretary of State Christopher and British Foreign Secretary Hurd." Mr. Ouellet said.

In light of this tragic event, Canada will be consulting with the UN Secretary-General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, and other United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) contributors, on what measures are required. A delegation of senior Canadian officials now in Europe is reporting to Mr. Ouellet on its discussions.

Canada is consulting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the humanitarian effort, and is ready to assist, if necessary, in evacuating the wounded from Sarajevo.

Canada believes that only a negotiated settlement can bring lasting peace to the region, and is urging the warring parties to make all necessary compromises at talks in Geneva, which should resume February 10.

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