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## BEATTY URGES RETURN TO TABLE BY PARTIES IN RWANDAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty has expressed disappointment with the interruption in peace negotiations between the Rwandan government and the Rwandan Patriotic Front. He urged the two parties to return to the negotiating table as quickly as possible, as did Heads of State at the recent Organization of African Unity meeting in Cairo.

"After 32 months of civil war, it is high time to put an end to the unacceptable suffering of the Rwandan people," affirmed Mr. Beatty. "I urge the parties to face their responsibilities and to think of the well-being and safety of the people," he added.

Mr. Beatty expressed the fear that the absence of dialogue would lead to renewed fighting, and he voiced concern as to the consequences of such a situation for regional stability. The Rwandan Ambassador has been summoned and asked to convey to his authorities Canada's deep concern over the negotiations, which have been going on for a year and were expected to result in a lasting peace agreement on June 24.

The resumption of hostilities last February brought the number of displaced persons to nearly 1 million, out of a total population of 7.5 million. Over a little more than a year, Canada has provided \$5.6 million in humanitarian aid to the displaced population groups.

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