

2. The UN Commission of Experts (UNCOE)

UNSC Resolution 780 requested states to collate information in their possession relating to violations of humanitarian law, to make such information available to UNCOE and "to provide other appropriate assistance".

Canada was the first country to make a substantial financial contribution to the voluntary fund for UNCOE. A Canadian was appointed UNCOE's special rapporteur for on-site investigations; a team of Canadian investigators has conducted two missions into Bosnia-Herzegovina, with a third likely to take place in November.

In accordance with UNSC Resolution 780, which requests Member States to collate information in their possession relating to violations of humanitarian law, Canada established a position for an information co-ordinator in January 1993. Canada has submitted two reports to date (March 9, 1993 and June 21, 1993). The reports contain information from a variety of sources, including more than 60 reports from non-governmental and regional organizations, governments, the United Nations and Canadian individuals as well as a legal analysis which concludes that the situation in the former Yugoslavia is subject to the war crimes provisions of the Geneva Conventions.