

With respect to the second broad issue before us, the implications of Bosnia for our peacekeeping policy generally, it would seem that events in Bosnia provide a clear example of what I have been saying about the way in which peacekeeping is developing. We must recognize that decisions we make regarding the continuation of our commitment to the UN operation in Bosnia must be taken in the context of our consideration of Canada's willingness to remain involved in the broadening range of peacekeeping activities.

Mr. Speaker, my remarks have been intended to raise several questions -- questions about the future of peacekeeping generally and questions about the related subject of our future in Bosnia. In the immediate term, the Government must make a decision about the future of our commitment in Bosnia and we want to hear to the views of this House on that subject. As for the longer term issue of Canada's peacekeeping policy generally, we intend to consult with individual Canadians as part of the ongoing reviews of our foreign and defence policies.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table this motion, seconded by my colleague the Minister of National Defence, calling for a debate on peacekeeping. In particular the Government seeks the views of this House in two general areas: Canada's future in peacekeeping, and our future commitment to Bosnia.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.