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## **CANADIAN STUDY ON UN'S RAPID REACTION CAPABILITY: CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and National Defence Minister David Collenette today announced the appointment of two internationally known figures as co-chairpersons of an International Consultative Group. The Group will review the work in progress of the study recently initiated by Canada to examine the options available to strengthen the United Nation's rapid reaction capability in times of crisis.

The co-chairpersons are Sir Brian Urquhart, formerly Undersecretary-General for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations, and now scholar-in-residence at the Ford Foundation in New York, and Professor J.C. Polanyi, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Chemistry at the University of Toronto.

The International Consultative Group will provide broad international advice to the Canadian study, whose objective is to make practical proposals to enhance the UN's rapid reaction capability in the field of peace operations.

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