

## CANADIAN POSITION

Canada believes that only a negotiated settlement between all Yugoslav parties will end the fighting, alleviate the suffering and thus permit the return of respect for the rule of internationally-agreed norms of humanitarian law: Canada has, therefore, participated in and supported all efforts to resolve the crisis and alleviate suffering.

With specific regard for the abuses outlined above, Canada has urged that the international community establish an ad hoc tribunal before which those charged with war crimes can be tried. It is hoped that the assurances that these atrocities will not be overlooked will go some way toward convincing the perpetrators to desist. A Canadian expert is serving on the UN Committee of Experts collating and assessing the evidence that has been collected.

Canada has established a special immigration program to receive 500 detainees and families so that they can be released from the Serbian camps where they have been held and maltreated. From a total of \$25.5 million contributed to humanitarian relief, \$250,000 have been earmarked as an initial contribution for women victims of violence and sexual abuse.

Canadian officials have played an active role in the CSCE efforts to alleviate suffering in the camps and to contain the potential for inter-ethnic violence in Kosovo and Macedonia. 2400 Canadian peacekeepers are on duty in the former Yugoslavia in a variety of roles. 45 members of the RCMP are serving with civilian police units in the UN Protected Areas to assist in the administration of authority.

Canada will continue to strongly support all efforts of the CHR to deal with the horrific human rights situation in the former Yugoslavia. Action must be taken to stop these human rights abuses. Pragmatic direction will have to be provided to the Special Rapporteur on how to continue his mandate. As requested by the CHR, Mr. Mazowiecki will continue his efforts and carry further missions to the former Yugoslavia.

## POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- What further steps can be taken by the CHR to deal with the tragic human rights situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina ?