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McDOUGALL DEPLORES RESUMPTION OF VIOLENCE **IN RWANDA**

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today said she deplores the violation of the cease-fire in Rwanda by the Front patriotique rwandais (patriotic front of Rwanda).

"Only by returning to the negotiating table, not by taking up arms, can Rwanda hope to find a lasting peace," said the Minister, after condemning the violence that continues to ravage the country.

The Minister expressed indignation at the ethnic massacres perpetrated by militants and tolerated by a number of local authorities who have failed to use all the means at their disposal to end them. She expressed the hope that the progress made since peace talks began in July 1992, in Arusha, Tanzania, would not be jeopardized.

Mrs. McDougall pointed out that Canada has already provided \$5.6 million, in the course of the last year, in humanitarian aid to those displaced as a result of the hostilities in Rwanda.

The Minister indicated that she recommends Canadians not travel to Rwanda and she strongly encourages the some 200 Canadians residing in Rwanda to consider leaving the country.

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