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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin announced today in New York that Canada has agreed to supply 10 additional observers for the United Nations Military Observer Group in Kashmir. The agreement was in response to an urgent request from the Secretary-General of the United Nations. These additional Canadian observers, who will be leaving for Kashmir immediately, are required to meet the additional responsibilities placed on the U.N. to supervise the cease-fire and the return of all armed Indian and Pakistani personnel to the positions they occupied before the outbreak of hostilities on August 5. This was called for by the Security Council and the Governments of both Pakistan and India have undertaken to comply with its decision.

Canada already has 9 military observers serving with the U.N. in Kashmir and has also been making available to the U.N. an RCAF Caribou aircraft with an RCAF crew of 8 to provide the local transportation needs of the U.N. Observer Group.