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## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPORTS OF MILITARY GOODS FROM CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced the release of the Second Annual Report on the Export of Military Goods from Canada. The report, covering exports of Canadian-produced military equipment during 1991, was tabled in the House of Commons and at the United Nations.

"Canada leads the world in the campaign for transparency in arms transfers," said Mrs. McDougall. "We were instrumental in the United Nations' decision to establish a new global arms register last December and our own report far exceeds what is required for the register. I'm confident that our efforts will contribute to greater international openness about the sale and transfer of arms."

The annual report outlines the Government's strict criteria for permitting the export of Canadian-made military goods, and lists countries which purchased Canadian military goods under the export permit system during 1991. Of these goods, 75 per cent were "non-offensive," such as bomb-disposal suits and communications equipment. Overall, 95 per cent of Canadian exports of military goods went to Canada's NATO allies and to countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The report follows Canada's commitment in September 1990 to release, on an annual basis, information on Canada's exports of military goods. It complements a number of important Canadian arms control initiatives, including the program of action announced by Prime Minister Mulroney in February 1991, to increase international transparency, consultation and restraint in arms transfers.

The second report follows the same format as the first, which was released in March 1991. It contains a comparison of export levels between the two years.

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