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CANADA REGRETS DEATHS OF U.S. PEACE NEGOTIATORS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today expressed Canada's deep regret upon learning of the tragic death of Robert Frasure, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Special Representative of the United States to the Contact Group on Bosnia. Mr. Frasure and two U.S. negotiators accompanying him were killed in the course of carrying out a peace mission in the former Yugoslavia. The accident on the Mount Igman road near Sarajevo also claimed the life of one French peacekeeper.

"His valiant contribution is remembered with deep appreciation and his valuable counsel will be sorely missed," declared Mr. Ouellet. Mr. Frasure had been closely involved over the past year in diplomatic efforts to bring peace to the Balkans.

Canada strongly supports current U.S. efforts to bring the parties in the Bosnian conflict to a negotiated settlement. Mr. Ouellet called on all sides to renew their commitment to achieving a peaceful outcome to this tragic war.

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