

CONTEXT



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POST-HOSTILITIES PLANNING

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The attached papers reflect ideas developed by the Canadian government in respect of measures which could contribute to peace stability and security in the Middle East region in the period after the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, as well as to address broader problems which this crisis has highlighted.

The thoughts and proposals elaborated in these papers have been drawn together after reflection, consultations and collaboration, over a number of months, with respect to how Canada could contribute to the shaping of the environment that would prevail in the Middle East region in the period after hostilities have been ended. As part of these consultations there have been high level contacts by the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and other Canadian Ministers with their counterparts in countries in the Middle East as well as with the Secretary General of the United Nations. These contacts, as well as those at the diplomatic level, are continuing as part of Canada's contribution to the international dialogue on this subject.

These ideas are being made public at this particular stage of their development to facilitate further examination and consultation.

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