

# Press Releases

Wilson to Lead Trade Delegation to Malaysia and Viêt-Nam

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, will lead a Canadian business delegation to Malaysia and Vietnam, September 3-9. "The emerging markets of the Asia-Pacific region, including Malaysia and Vietnam, hold tremendous potential for Canadian firms in a number of sectors," Mr. Wilson said. "This mission will build upon my earlier visits to China and Japan and help open new doors for Canadian companies." The trade delegation will include Canadian companies involved in oil and gas, telecommunications, transportation, banking, power, and engineering services. Mr. Wilson will be meeting with key government and business leaders in both countries, including his Ministerial counterparts responsible for trade Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting, September 10-11 in Bangkok, Thailand.

## McDougall to Attend London Conference on the Former Yugoslavia

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, will lead the Canadian delegation to the London Conference on the former Yugoslavia, August 26-28. "We welcome the close involvement of the UN and the wider international community in this conference, said Mrs. McDougall. "The co-operation of all parties is essential if we are to have meaningful negotiations on the issues that are at the heart of the conflict." The Minister stated that Canada's immediate objective is to end the bloodshed and prevent further human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia.

# Context

# Canada's Response to the Crisis in the Former Yugoslavia

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Canada is participating fully in international efforts, including at the United Nations and at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), to promote a peaceful settlement to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia

### -Peacekeeping

In London, the Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that Canada is ready to provide an additional 1,200 Canadian troops for any further UN operations in the former Yugoslavia in support of UN Security Council Resolution 770.

### -Humanitarian Assistance

In London, the Secretary of State for External Affairs announced a further Canadian contribution of \$15 million to the forthcoming joint appeal by UN agencies and \$5 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in support of their humanitarian relief efforts in the former Yugoslavia. This announcement brings to over \$25.25 million Canada's contribution to international appeals.