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MCDOUGALL UNDERLINES SUPPORT FOR CSCE POSITION ON YUGOSLAVIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, stated today that Canada fully endorses the urgent appeal by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), which calls upon all parties in Yugoslavia to cease hostilities and to implement commitments made under an earlier ceasefire.

"A just and lasting solution in Yugoslavia can only be achieved through peaceful negotiation and respect for democratic principles," said the Minister.

The CSCE statement, which was issued earlier today at an emergency meeting in Prague, calls on all parties in Yugoslavia to:

- stop fighting;
- exercise political control over all armed forces;
- send all forces back to their barracks and stop all hostile actions against those barracks; and
- release all prisoners taken during the hostilities.

Mrs. McDougall said that Canada was participating actively in the CSCE's emergency meeting, which is scheduled to end tomorrow.

"We are in constant touch with our European partners and will work with them in efforts to contribute to a peaceful resolution of this crisis," stated the Minister.

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