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CANADA'S RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

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. In September 1991, Prime Minister Mulroney led the call for the UN Security Council to deal with this issue. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, is participating in the London Conference, August 26-28, co-chaired by the UN and the European Community. On this occasion, Mrs. McDougall announced further Canadian contributions to international initiatives for 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.

Some 1 200 Canadian troops and 30 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) civilian monitors are already deployed with the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR). One of the largest contributions to the international force, the Canadian contingent is based in Daruvar, Croatia. In June, Canada responded positively to a UN request to allow its troops to be reassigned to maintain security at the Sarajevo airport in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Their presence there made possible the airlift of relief supplies for the population of Sarajevo. In early August, the Canadian troops resumed their duties in Croatia.

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.

- In the fall of 1991, Mrs. McDougall announced a contribution of \$1.25 million to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purchase and delivery of emergency relief and medical supplies from Canada to support the activities of the ICRC in the former Yugoslavia. Canadian Forces aircraft

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