

moderation than desired by others, the degree of unanimity of the major players on the Security Council, has been, quite frankly, extraordinary. Iraq's breach of international law and the provisions of the UN Charter have called forth the collective response intended by the Charter, and we have accepted the obligations involved.

We have worked to ensure that the UN sanctions against Iraq are as effective as possible with the objective of bringing about compliance with Security Council decisions without further

conflict. On August 4, Canada formally ended all trade with both Iraq and occupied Kuwait, froze the assets of both governments and ended the special arrangements with Iraq covering business promotion, as well as other exchanges. We have provided three ships and a squadron of CF-18s to assist in the enforcement of the UN sanctions. We are making a full and significant contribution to this multilateral effort. It is vital to recognize the multilateral character of this force. It is the world against this aggression.

Economic and Humanitarian Aspects

On the humanitarian front, we have committed \$75 million to assist with the care and repatriation of displaced persons to their home countries, to assist those countries to meet the costs of reintegration and to help those countries in the crisis region whose economies have been hurt most seriously by the impact of the crisis.

Safety of Canadians

From the beginning of this crisis, we have done everything in our power to ensure the protection and safety of Canadians caught in the region. We managed to assist the large majority in returning home. Unfortunately, not all Canadians have been able to leave.

The holding of Canadians and other foreigners against their will is deeply abhorrent to all of us. For their dedicated service toward safeguarding and evacuating Canadians at risk, I want to pay a special tribute to the five staff members of our mission in Kuwait for the extraordinary devotion to duty they showed in