The Canadian troops will begin to deploy later this summer, with the major portion of the contingent, the Canadian Airborne Regiment, moving to the region in the fall.

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Further details about Canada's role in MINURSO and Canadian troops deployment will be made available at a background briefing to be held later this summer at the Canadian Forces Base in Petawawa. The time and date will be announced by the Department of National Defence.

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