

Canada is deeply concerned over the continued suffering of Afghans being endured both inside and outside their country as the result of the factional fighting. It is the political as well as the moral responsibility of the various Afghan faction leaders to end the carnage and reconcile their differences. They should and must do all that is in their power to enable the process of reconciliation and reconstruction to take place in their war-ravaged country.

Canada fully supports the continuing diplomatic efforts of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy, Mahmoud Mestiri, to promote compromise, evolve consensus and establish tranquility in Afghanistan both for the benefit of its long-suffering people and the future of regional security in south-central Asia.

At the 50th session of CHR, a consensus resolution was adopted expressing the Commission's concern about the deplorable human rights situation in Afghanistan. The Commission will consider the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur who will be reporting at its next session.