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CANADA CONTRIBUTES \$1 MILLION TO UNHCR/UNICEF/WHO APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND YUGOSLAVIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, said today that Canada is contributing \$1 million to a United Nations' appeal for humanitarian assistance in Croatia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia. Proceeds of the appeal will be shared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

"This contribution underlines Canada's support for UN work and our determination to alleviate the suffering of innocent civilians in that war-torn region," Mrs. McDougall said.

The US\$24.3-million appeal was launched by the High Commissioner for Refugees as part of the ongoing international effort to ease the situation of over one-half million displaced persons in the area.

This announcement brings to over \$2 million Canada's contributions to the international relief organizations operating in Croatia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia. Canada has donated or pledged a total of \$1.25 million in response to appeals launched by the International Committee of the Red Cross. Cash donations to the Canadian Red Cross are welcome at any of its branch offices.

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