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## NATO PROPOSAL TO STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced that at the Stockholm Conference this morning Canada and fifteen other members of the North Atlantic Alliance sponsored a proposal calling for the adoption of a set of Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) which they believe will enhance mutual confidence throughout Europe. Formally presented by the representative of Turkey on behalf of the Alliance, the proposal calls for measures which would facilitate the exchange of basic military information, give early notice of a wide range of military activities, require mandatory exchanges of observers and establish ways to verify any agreements reached.

In his speech to the Conference last Wednesday, January 18, Mr. MacEachen indicated that the Western group of nations would present such a package of proposals at an early date and he urged the Conference to approach its task with the sense of urgency which the present international situation demands.

A copy of the Western proposal is annexed.

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