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CANADA ANNOUNCES FURTHER ACTION ON YUGOSLAVIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today in Rome that Canada is taking immediate action, including trade sanctions and emergency humanitarian relief, to support the peace process and to compel the parties to end the civil war in Yugoslavia.

"Canada welcomes the measures and sanctions announced today by the European Community," said the Minister. "The appalling violence such as we have seen around Dubrovnik and other areas of Croatia must stop. Factions in Yugoslavia must recognize that steps toward peace are essential now."

Mrs. McDougall announced that she is taking immediate steps to withdraw Yugoslavia's General Preferential Tariff treatment and to put Yugoslavia on the Area Control List, which will require all exports from Canada to Yugoslavia to have an export permit. The Minister further announced that Canada is suspending all future trade promotion and support measures for Yugoslavia. In addition, all applications under the Program for Export Marketing Development (PEMD) and the Renaissance Eastern Europe programs will be refused.

The Minister also announced that \$1 million is to be made available for humanitarian relief for those affected by the war. The Canadian Red Cross will use funds to procure emergency relief and medical supplies for the International Committee of the Red Cross to use in Yugoslavia. The Canadian Forces will provide air transport to move the supplies to Europe.

"We urge the world community, through the United Nations, to take further international action to end the bloodshed and to help the parties find a peaceful settlement in Yugoslavia," said Mrs. McDougall.

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