
Instruments for Building Security

Conflict management at the global level: our commitment to the United Nations.

- The UN continues to be the key vehicle for pursuing Canada's global security objectives. Canada can best move forward its global security priorities by working with other member states. The success of the UN is fundamental, therefore, to Canada's future security.

But the UN must be more effective.

- We want the UN to be fully capable of dealing with the array of new global security issues. That is why we are putting so much effort into making the Organization work better. To this end, at the General Assembly in September 1994, Canada pledged to work to:
 - strengthen the UN's capacity for preventive action;
 - conduct an in-depth review of the UN's economic and social activities to reflect a broader definition of global security;
 - strengthen the UN's rapid reaction capability;
 - improve the functioning of the UN's decision making bodies; and
 - put the UN on a sound financial basis.

Success in these efforts will make an essential contribution both to the short- and long-term effectiveness of the Organization.

- With a view to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the UN and to reducing duplication in activities, Canada intends to undertake, and will encourage other countries to do likewise, a full review of the Organization and related agencies. The results of this review will assist in decisions regarding future contribution levels.

Reinforcing the UN.

- **Strengthening the peace function:** We intend to press for improvements in the means of implementing UN peacekeeping and peace enforcement decisions in a timely and effective way. Serious shortcomings in UN capabilities in this regard have been highlighted by slow and hesitant decision-making in the UN that delayed deployment of personnel at the outset of UN involvement in Somalia in 1992, and again in Rwanda in the spring of 1994 when urgent reinforcement of the UN's presence on the ground could not be achieved in time to forestall massive loss of life. The