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## CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE (UNDOF)

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, announced today that Canada will continue its participation in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Middle East for a further period of six months.

The United Nations Security Council yesterday extended the mandate of the peacekeeping force until 30 May 1979. UNDOF was established in May 1974 as part of the Disengagement Agreement between Israel and Syria following the war of October 1973.

Stationed on the Golan Heights in addition to the 160 man Canadian Contingent the peacekeeping force has contingents from Austria, Iran and Poland.

Canada recently also extended its commitment to the United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai. There are a total of some 1,000 Canadian personnel serving in three United Nations peacekeeping missions in the Middle East.