

contribution to the Observer Force is consistent with our traditional commitment to the United Nations peacekeeping operations and reflects the high regard in which Canadian Forces peacekeeping personnel are held by the international community.

A number of Canadians will be part of the United Nations advance teams which will be arriving in the area on August 10. The first elements of the Canadian contingent could be in place as early as August 12.

The Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the announcement by the United Nations Secretary General of the August 20 cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war and commend both parties for having reached this agreement. They conveyed their appreciation to Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar for his unstinting efforts that have brought the prospect of peace to the region of the Gulf.

Canada encourages Iran and Iraq to approach the talks, to begin on August 25 in Geneva, with a spirit of openness and the intention of moving resolutely toward a complete and final accord.