

of panels of international jurists; the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes has conciliation rules tailored for commercial disagreements. We in Canada have used the ICJ and ad hoc court of arbitrations to manage disputes with the United States and France. In the case of the Gulf, however, such procedures could not be initiated until Iraq withdraws from Kuwait and permits the departure of third-country nationals.

### Canada's Involvement

Let me turn now to Canada's involvement in this crisis. I have concentrated thus far on the peace and security aspect of the Gulf crisis but there are other elements as well. Severe economic and humanitarian hardships have been imposed on citizens of many states, including Canadians, and their safety put in jeopardy. The costs to many states because of the human outflow from Iraq and Kuwait, the loss of jobs, earnings and savings, and the burden of higher oil prices have all imposed serious difficulties on the economic well being of many states and individuals around the world. The consequences of these costs will be with us for some time to come.

I would like therefore to sketch very briefly Canada's response to these various aspects.

### Peace and Security

Even if Security Council deliberations were televised, which they are not for very good reasons, what goes on there would make far less good television than the departure of naval vessels or high-technology fighters taking off two by two. But what we have been doing at the UN is no less an essential part of our response to the crisis.

As a member of the UN Security Council, we have been active promoters of the means to redress this situation according to international law and in line with the hopes we all have for the collective machinery of the UN. Ambassador Fortier and his team have been tireless in helping draft and helping pass resolutions that are clear and principled, and balanced to ensure they do the job they are intended to do without creating unnecessary tension or debate. Although the front page of the New York Times has suggested that this has sometimes been to argue for greater