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## McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF CO-OPERATIVE SECURITY COMPETITION

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today announced the results of the first Co-operative Security Competition Program. The Program provides financial assistance to projects that advance understanding and public discussion of issues related to co-operative security, one of Canada's central foreign policy objectives.

Over 90 proposals for research studies, conferences, publications and other projects were received by the end of last November. After a careful review, 47 projects totalling \$1.2 million were chosen. Preference was given to projects dealing with significant international issues from a Canadian perspective or with direct relevance to Canada, projects promoting co-operation between individuals or institutions across Canada, and projects that promoted consultation and the dissemination of ideas or information.

The concept of co-operative security recognizes that true peace and security depend on dialogue and co-operation between states across the entire range of their relations, from political and social issues to military and economic matters. Projects selected in the first competition include studies on co-operative security in the post-Cold War era, the politics of peacemaking and peacekeeping, environmental security and freshwater resources, multilateral missile defence regimes, nuclear non-proliferation; and security and conflict issues in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region. Other successful projects include conferences and publications on such issues as peacekeeping, preventive diplomacy, peace enforcement, maritime security and the middle powers in the new world order.