

Canada has consistently stressed a number of conditions for its participation in peacekeeping operations and observer missions. A basic condition is met by the fact that the United Nations will be the continuing political authority to which the Force reports. Moreover the Secretary-General will make his reports public. He has listed the following essential conditions for the Force. It must

- a) have the full confidence and backing of the Security Council,
- b) operate with the full co-operation of the parties concerned,
- c) function as an integrated and efficient military unit,
- d) enjoy freedom of movement and communication and other facilities that are necessary for the performance of its functions, and
- e) be granted all relevant privileges and immunities provided for by the UN convention on privileges and immunities.

Given these conditions which lead us to hope the Force should be an effective one and able to contribute to a climate in which negotiations between the parties can take place, the Canadian Government has decided to inform the United Nations Secretary-General, in response to his request, that the Canadian Government has agreed to participate in the United Nations Emergency Force for the Middle East for the initial six month period described in the Secretary-General's report. I am further informing the Secretary-General that the Canadian contribution will consist of a logistics component in accordance with the Secretary-General's request and with the conclusions reached after discussions of details of this contribution between Canadian and U.N. officials. Finally, I am informing the Secretary-General that we intend to conclude with him financial and other arrangements to regulate Canadian participation and that the treatment accorded Canada should be no less favourable than that accorded to other contributing countries.

I will be placing on the order paper a resolution seeking the approval of Parliament for the Government's decision to participate in the UNEF.