

Department of National Defence, among others. The strategy comprises the following measures:

1. Appointing Bernard Dussault as Special Envoy to Central Africa with a mandate to advise the government and to promote solutions for the vast array of problems through consultations with the governments of the region, donor governments and regional organizations;
2. Reopening the office of the Canadian Embassy in Kigali, re-establishing an official Canadian presence to monitor events in Rwanda and maintain regular contact with the new government;
3. Intervening in targeted ways in order to obtain faster deployment of UNAMIR;
4. Seeing that the return of refugees, under agreed criteria, remains a priority for our actions by ensuring that the UN's activities do not lead to permanent camps outside Rwanda and by encouraging confidence-building measures;
5. Putting pressure on Zaire to disarm Rwandan soldiers and militias;
6. Contributing to the re-establishment of essential services in Kigali (water, electricity, telephones);
7. Participating in the Bujumbura Regional Conference on Refugees.

Canada was among the first parties to emphasize humanitarian assistance within Rwanda rather than in the refugee camps. Consequently, our field hospital was set up inside the Rwandan border.

At the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie, held in Ouagadougou last December, Canada played a leading role in getting a declaration on Rwanda approved. We then updated our strategy in preparation for a round table of contributor states held in Geneva in mid-January. We took advantage of this opportunity to outline our activities, specifying the financial implications of each. In all, we provided for a budget of about \$50 million for a development program spread over three years. The objectives we established in August have either been achieved or are on their way to being achieved.

In regard to the refugee problem, we advocate continuing the Canadian diplomatic offensive and maintaining the role of the Special Envoy for Central Africa. Our Kigali office has reopened under the management of a senior CIDA official. UNAMIR has now been deployed throughout the country and can strengthen security. We provided for emergency humanitarian assistance to facilitate the creation of way stations and are studying the possibility of helping the OAU to establish its crisis prevention system. We are also ready to fund