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## CANADA SUPPORTS AIR STRIKES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today expressed Canada's support for the decision to initiate air strikes in response to the barbaric shelling of Sarajevo citizens on August 28.

Ministers at the London meeting on July 21 decided to respond vigorously to attacks on safe areas including Sarajevo, Gorazde and Tuzla. They authorized United Nations and NATO commanders in the field to launch air strikes in the event of such attacks.

"Attacks on safe areas cannot be tolerated and will not go unanswered. These air strikes demonstrate our resolve to respond to such outrages," said Mr. Ouellet. "Canada urges all parties to set aside military options and seize this opportunity to resolve their differences at the negotiating table."

The Minister emphasized Canada's strong support for the United States' diplomatic initiative to relaunch negotiations. Canada and other countries attending the Contact Group meeting in Paris on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to redouble efforts to reach a comprehensive political settlement.

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