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THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR

The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, today announced that Canada in diplomatic approaches to Iran and Iraq has again urged an immediate end to hostilities in the Gulf war and the commencement of peace negotiations between the antagonists.

Further escalation of the level of hostilities in the war poses the risk of the conflagration spreading to neutral neighbouring states and beyond. Recent developments therefore have given even greater urgency to efforts by the international community to end the suffering and senseless loss of life which the continuation of the war entails. Canada remains prepared to take all responsible measures which are practicable and within its power to contribute to that end.

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