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## CANADA ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$10-million humanitarian assistance package for the victims of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. The package will support the ongoing relief efforts of the United Nations (UN) agencies, the International Red Cross and two Canadian organizations working in the former Yugoslavia.

"I believe we have a moral obligation to continue to help. This aid package will assist the groups most affected by this tragedy and help them to get through a winter that will exacerbate the already difficult conditions in the former Yugoslavia," Mr. Ouellet said.

The Canadian contribution will be allocated to a series of bilateral and multilateral programs:

- \$3.5 million in Canadian food aid delivered by the World Food Program;
- \$2 million to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to support refugee camps and the logistics of ongoing relief efforts;
- \$1 million to the UN Children's Fund for mother and child health care programs and children's education;
- \$500 000 to the World Health Organization to help improve medical facilities, to support local health personnel and to provide medicine and medical supplies;
- \$1 million to the International Red Cross for the protection of ethnic minorities and the provision of emergency supplies to vulnerable groups;
- \$1.5 million to two Canadian agencies active in Sarajevo: CARE Canada for the ongoing installation of water purification systems in and around Sarajevo, and Queen's University to strengthen rehabilitation services for the