

We have also committed \$112 million in assistance over two years for humanitarian aid, peacebuilding, community rehabilitation and short-term economic assistance in Kosovo – part of a Canadian regional assistance package of more than \$200 million.

The conflict in the Balkans also highlighted the extent to which individuals are increasingly both the victims and the targets of violence in modern warfare. It illustrated that the causes and consequences of conflict can extend far beyond national borders. The recognition of this phenomenon has brought about a shift in perspective that places a higher priority than before on the safety and well-being of civilians trapped in areas of conflict. I am referring of course to human security.