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## CANADA PAYS 1992 DUES IN FULL TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that Canada has paid its annual assessed contribution to the 1992 Regular Budget of the United Nations. Canada's Acting Permanent Representative, Ambassador Philippe Kirsch, will make an official presentation of the Canadian contribution to incoming UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on January 2.

"By making payment on the first working day of the year," said Mrs. McDougall, "Canada wishes to show a determination to play its role in ensuring that the United Nations has the means to carry out the important new responsibilities conferred upon it by its members. Payment of dues in full and on time is a treaty obligation, and Canada calls upon all member states to meet their obligations in a timely fashion."

The Minister stressed that the United Nations continues to face a serious financial crisis because many member states have paid their 1991 dues either late, only in part, or not at all. The financial crisis threatens the ability of the UN to carry out urgent and important activities, particularly in the field of peacekeeping, noted Mrs. McDougall.

The Minister quoted outgoing UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who warned recently that "this financial crisis could seriously erode the regained confidence which has propelled governments and the public to turn to the United Nations for the solution to problems that endanger the maintenance of international peace and security."

Canada's assessed contribution to the UN's Regular Budget for 1992 stands at US\$30,647,709.00.

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