forces should be drawn mainly from Arab states, Moslem non-Arab states and possibly Nordic countries and others with peacekeeping experience;

Environment: In addition to contributing expertise and equipment to Bahrain and Qatar to clean up oil spills, Canada is willing to host a conference of legal experts to find ways of strengthening international law to prevent the environment from being used as a weapon or means of extortion;

Security: Canada believes all countries in the region must have the opportunity to contribute to the design and implementation of any security regime and that any regional security system must be based on guaranteed borders and collective defence;

Arab-Israeli Dispute: Canada also believes that progress on the Arab-Israeli dispute is urgent and necessary. Canada supports the initiation of a constructive process of dialogue leading towards a comprehensive negotiated settlement based on United Nations Security Resolutions 242 and 338. This could include the convening of a properly structured conference to facilitate these efforts to settle disputes between the parties directly involved;

Economic development: Canada suggests that an initiative, along the lines of the Marshall Plan, perhaps based in existing regional institutions and financed in substantial measure from regional resources, would contribute to economic development and ultimately to peace in the region;

Arms proliferation: Canada is proposing that the United Nations convene a Global Summit on the Instruments of War and Weapons of Mass Destruction in order to mobilize political will and energize efforts to produce results on a short-term basis.

Over the next few weeks, the Secretary of State for External Affairs will be consulting other governments and world leaders to discuss these and other ideas which could be useful in designing a formula for lasting peace in the region.

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