

## 1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

In terms of humanitarian assistance, we must continue the magnificent co-ordination and co-operation effort that the various international organizations have begun. These organizations (the High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, UNDRO [the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization] and so on) have already done a tremendous job and continue to provide effective assistance. Canada has made a substantial contribution to these efforts, by channelling about \$16 million to humanitarian needs of the total \$77.5 million we have committed for economic assistance. We intend to continue our commitment without any a priori exclusivity. It will be necessary no doubt to help the Iraqi people and to respond to the needs of countries such as Turkey, Jordan and Egypt. However, we will have to mobilize the resources of the entire international community, especially countries that have earned considerable surplus oil revenues and those whose military commitment within the coalition has been limited.

## 2) A PEACEKEEPING FORCE

Moreover, the borders of Kuwait must initially be guaranteed by a peace-keeping force, ideally under the authority of the United Nations. Canada feels that this force must consist mainly of troops from the countries of the region. Their expertise, however, is limited. That is why Canada, which has a well-established reputation in this field, has offered its services to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the countries of the region to establish a training programme. In addition, we are prepared to participate both in the establishment of such a peace-keeping force and in the planning operations that its deployment requires. We are also prepared to co-operate with the United Nations in calling a meeting of experts in Canada with the responsibility of analyzing needs and identifying the various alternatives that are worth exploring.

It is of great importance to Canada that the United Nations, with its renewed credibility, play a central role in implementing postwar arrangements. Its involvement would point the way towards the new international order that we seek to consolidate.