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CANADA CALLS FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN YEMEN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today called for the immediate cessation of hostilities in Yemen and an end to the conflict. He said that Canada urges the parties to the conflict to abide by the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 924 of June 1, 1994, calling for a cease-fire, and to co-operate fully with the efforts of the UN mission headed by Lakhdar Brahimi.

"This conflict has already resulted in hundreds of needless civilian and military victims and is placing intolerable burdens and suffering upon the population. The parties must stop the fighting immediately and work toward the peaceful resolution of the conflict", said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister also called on the regional parties and the international community to focus their efforts to assure that the basic needs of the civilian population are met and to seek the immediate termination of hostilities. He said that problems of access to drinking water and adequate nutrition, if unchecked, could lead to serious outbreaks of disease or epidemics.

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