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Government of Canada Unveils Post-Hostilities Proposals

The Government of Canada is proposing a global summit on arms control and is offering to participate in a peacekeeping force as part of efforts to establish a lasting peace in the region after the Persian Gulf Crisis.

The proposals were outlined today in major speeches by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark. They are based on four guiding principles:

- no compromise on Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait;
- the governments and people of the region must support any peace proposals;
- the United Nations must be an integral part of the solution; and
- regional security must address all related issues -- political, economic, military and humanitarian.

Briefly, the main elements of Canada's proposals are as follows:

Humanitarian assistance: Canada will provide humanitarian assistance to the direct victims of the war. Canada would support a broad-based effort under the UN Disaster Relief Organization and the High Commission for Refugees to assist migrant workers, Kuwaitis and Iraqis harmed by the war;

Peacekeeping: Canada is willing to participate in peacekeeping efforts to oversee the disengagement of soldiers and repatriation of prisoners of war, as well as to maintain peace and order while longer-term security arrangements are made. Canada believes that peacekeeping