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## CANADA PARTICIPATES IN CONFLICT PREVENTION MISSION IN FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that Canada is participating in a conflict prevention mission of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia.

"The CSCE can play a crucial role in promoting dialogue and preventing further conflict in the republics of the former Yugoslavia," said Mrs. McDougall. "Our participation in this mission, along with Canadian contributions in peace-keeping forces and humanitarian assistance in other parts of the former Yugoslavia, reflects our deep commitment to ending the human tragedy throughout the region."

This mission is one of a series of CSCE long-duration missions to various regions of the former Yugoslavia. The first one started several weeks ago in Kosovo. Other missions are being sent to Sandjak and Vojvodina. The purpose of these missions is to promote dialogue and ease tensions, with a view to preventing further conflicts in the region.

Canada's representative on this mission in the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia is Lawrence Lederman, a senior officer of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. He joins a multinational CSCE team headed by Ambassador Robert Frowick of the United States.

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