To ensure the perpetrators of atrocities are called to justice, Canada is taking the lead in the establishment of an ad hoc tribunal to try those responsible for war crimes. We now have solid international support for this Canadian initiative and are discussing with our allies how to put the tribunal in place.

Canada has informed the UN Secretary General that it will strongly support a decision by the Security Council to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Hercegovina. In doing so we are fully conscious of the UN's concern for the impact of this on the ongoing humanitarian relief effort.

The Government supports a negotiated political settlement as the best way of achieving a durable solution but if there is no change of heart by the authorities in Belgrade, they run the risk of complete isolation from the international community.

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