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CANADA SUPPORTS NATO DECISION AND WELCOMES CEASE-FIRE IN SARAJEVO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada joined its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies in the decision to support the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's request to respond to further artillery attacks on Sarajevo.

He also welcomed the UN announcement of a cease-fire, which calls for heavy weaponry in the Sarajevo area to be withdrawn or placed under UN supervision.

"We are pleased that a cease-fire has been reached. I hope this agreement means that there will be no need for air strikes," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister said that Canada worked closely with other NATO countries to ensure that a positive response to the Secretary-General's request would contribute to preventing further Sarajevo tragedies. Canada's objective was also to ensure that the NATO decision supported the Geneva peace talks, the delivery of humanitarian aid, and the safety of UN personnel and other humanitarian workers in Bosnia.

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