

Western Sahara are resolved and require UN peacekeeping forces.⁶ (Troop needs would increase from the present level of 10,500 to 30,000.⁷) There is a projected deficit for UN peacekeeping operations of approximately \$918 million for the years 1988 and 1989 (compared to a total annual UN budget of about \$800 million).⁸ Consequently, major peacekeeping operations, notably in Lebanon and Cyprus, are incurring large deficits, while troop-contributing countries such as Canada have generally borne most of the financial burden. The cost of Canada's current fiscal year peacekeeping commitments is in excess of \$40 million.⁹

CURRENT CANADIAN POSITION

On 29 September 1988, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark stated Canada's reaction to the awarding of the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces as follows

No country has been more steadfast or supportive in its commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping than Canada, and it is worth remembering that peacekeeping as we know it today was begun on a Canadian initiative more than 30 years ago....This award will have a special meaning for more than 80,000 Canadian men and women who have served in U.N. Peacekeeping contingents....This work has often been difficult even dangerous and 78 Canadians have given their lives in this duty.¹⁰

The then Defence Minister Perrin Beatty announced on 9 December 1988 that a statue would be erected in Ottawa, dedicated to the Canadian Forces members who have served in peacekeeping missions.¹¹

6 Tony Banks and Thalif Deen, "Namibia Casts Shadow Over UN." *Jane's Defence Weekly*, vol. 11 no. 19 (15 April 1989), pp. 628-29; Paul Lewis, "The U.N. Dove: Hobbled by the U.S.?" *New York Times*, 9 August 1988, p. 10; and Paul Lewis, "U.N. Strains to Meet the Demand for Peace." *New York Times*, 28 August 1988, p. 3 (section 4).

7 Paul Lewis, "U.N. Chief Warns of Costs of Peace." *New York Times*, 11 December 1988, p. 4.

8 Banks and Deen, *supra* note 6, p. 629.

9 Robert Mitchell, *Peacekeeping and Peacemaking in Cyprus*. Ottawa: Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security *Background Paper* No. 23 (October 1988), p. 7; "200 Canadians to Join UN Force in Namibia." *Gazette*, 24 February 1989, p. B1; and "Peacekeeper Canada Steps in Again." *Toronto Star*, 10 August 1988, p. 14.

10 Department of External Affairs, *News Release* No. 214 (29 September 1988).

11 Department of National Defence, *News Release* No. AFN: 91/88 (9 December 1988).