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MCDUGALL CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON YUGOSLAVIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today expressed her deep concern with the lack of progress in the Yugoslav crisis.

"The complete breakdown of the October 4 agreement, on a ceasefire and a formula toward a political solution, is most discouraging," said Mrs. McDougall. "Both Croatian and Serbian parties have reneged on their public commitment toward peace. What needs to be understood in Yugoslavia is that peace cannot be imposed by force, nor are violence and aggression a way to address the rightful concerns of minorities. In the absence of sufficient goodwill, the international community must act," she added.

Mrs. McDougall also expressed horror at the news that federal airforce planes had attacked the residence of President Tudjman in Zagreb while the Croatian leader was meeting with Federal President Mesic and Prime Minister Markovic.

Canada is consulting urgently with our European and United Nations partners to determine what further action by the world community and the Security Council could induce the Yugoslav parties to honour their word and implement a ceasefire. Such action could take the form of economic measures, including an oil embargo. Our offer to contribute to a peacekeeping operation remains valid.

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