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CANADA RESPONDS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REFUGEE HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Bill McKnight announced that Canada has responded favourably to a request from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for assistance in making land available for the temporary housing of refugees from the German Democratic Republic.

Following consultations with the Canadian Ambassador in Bonn and the Commander of the Canadian Forces in Europe, it has been determined that there is land, currently at the disposal of the Canadian Armed Forces in the Federal Republic of Germany, which could be made available for temporary housing units.

The Ministers emphasized this was a temporary measure to help meet the urgent needs of the unprecedented influx of people from the German Democratic Republic. Details will be worked out with the appropriate German authorities.

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