

itself of the provisions of the Charter, which permit it to recommend appropriate measures for dispute settlement.

We also agree that there is a broader role for the International Court of Justice and that, pursuant to Article 96 of the Charter, the Secretary-General be authorized to take advantage of the advisory competence of the Court.

#### Peacekeeping

I have already alluded to the 4,300 Canadian men and women currently committed to UN peacekeeping operations.

Canada has for many years maintained a battalion on standby for UN peacekeeping operations. We also have a long-standing policy whereby other Canadian Forces members can and have been called upon for peacekeeping duties. We are prepared to confirm Canadian arrangements through an exchange of letters with the Secretariat as suggested in the Secretary-General's Report. We urge other countries to do the same.

We agree with the need to make available human rights monitors, electoral officials, refugee and humanitarian specialists and police, whatever the situation calls for. We have committed, for example, 45 members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to serve with the UN civilian forces in the former Yugoslavia. Let me add that we believe that countries, which make available such civilian experts to the UN, should have their supplemental costs reimbursed.

#### Peace Enforcement and Peace Building

Whereas "peacekeeping" has become very much central to United Nations action and philosophy, the concepts of "peace enforcement" and "peace building" are less familiar. We in Canada believe, however, that both will have an increasing role in the future, if the international community is truly dedicated to ending conflict and to enhancing democracy.

Of the two, the use of "enforcement" is the more controversial. Recent events demonstrate that the use of force may be a necessary option, and we urge full consideration of the Secretary-General's views in this regard. For our part, we insist on the right of Member Nations to take part in any decision involving their nationals.

We also believe that further work is required, on an urgent basis, to determine the circumstances under which enforcement activities should be undertaken and the limits of potential enforcement action.