

Mr. Axworthy challenged Canadians to contribute to the success of the Initiative. "Canada has traditionally been a leader in peacekeeping operations. My aim is to move us toward being a leader in peacebuilding," he said.

CIDA will contribute \$10 million to the Peacebuilding Initiative beginning in the fiscal year 1997-98. Funding for this initiative was provided for in the March 1996 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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