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CANADA PROTESTS AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that she is sending a senior official tonight to Belgrade to demand an end to the violence in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

"The international community must intensify its efforts to get all parties involved to bring an immediate end to the violence in Bosnia-Hercegovina. I have therefore instructed my Director General for Central and Eastern Europe, Mr. Rod Irwin, to travel to Belgrade immediately to protest Yugoslavian and Serbian involvement in the violence in Bosnia-Hercegovina," said the Minister.

On April 8, 1992, Canada recognized, along with a number of other countries, the independence of Bosnia-Hercegovina. "We expect that, as a member of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), Yugoslavia will abide by the internationally recognized principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of its neighbours and consequently order the Yugoslav Army to refrain from military actions in Bosnia-Hercegovina," said Mrs. McDougall.

Today, a Canadian official in Zagreb conveyed a similar message to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia.

Canada is continuing consultations with its friends and allies on ways to further assist in bringing an early end to this tragedy.

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