On December 17, Mrs. McDougall wil attend the North Atlantic Council (NAC) meeting in Brussels. Key issues for discussion are NATO's role in peacekeeping and its future relations with the Western European Union. The 16 NATO ministers will also review the support the Alliance is providing to UN peacekeeping in the former Yugoslavia. The December 18 meeting of the NACC will consider proposals for expanding political and security co-operation between NATO allies and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

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