

orders with respect to keeping of the peace and preventing conflict. As others have mentioned, the new Secretary-General of the United Nations, Boutros-Ghali, has published his agenda for peace in which he has quite specific proposals to bring about preventive peacekeeping and other measures for global security.

While we approve, in this resolution before the House, of yet another *ad hoc* measure we recognize that there is a need to formalize new rules with respect to these matters and institutionalize those new rules so that there will be criteria upon which the United Nations and the Secretary-General can intervene in accordance with the rules of law.

The two major questions that the United Nations and the people of the world must decide upon are: one, to what extent we must balance that principle of non-intervention with the duty to protect innocent people for humanitarian and other reasons; and two, to what extent will we go beyond peacekeeping into areas of enforcement and preventive peacekeeping?

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As we approve this motion it is obvious we will have to consider its implications for the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, a very tragic war with its ethnic cleansing and genocide.

I also want to mention the whole problem of refugees. We were critical last summer when the minister of immigration announced a special program for Yugoslavia to reunite families; a program for 10,000 families amounting to about 26,000 persons and said if you are going to do that for Yugoslavia you must also do that for Somalia.

On November 13 the minister did go part way as part of the United Nations' 100 day action program for accelerated humanitarian assistance to Somalia. He did recognize or put forward a new program for family reunification for Somalians but it is on a much smaller scale than for Yugoslavia and he hopes, he says in the letter that he sent to the Somalian community in Canada, that he will consult with it on the carrying out of this program.

In conclusion, while we approve of this resolution to send our troops to Somalia, we recognize there are risks, that some Canadian soldiers could be killed and there-

fore, as I said at the beginning, it is essential in these situations that Parliament give its approval in advance.

We support the resolution. We hope our Canadian troops will be well supported in Somalia. We hope they will return safe and sound with their mission well accomplished.

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, thank you for reminding us that we are now debating the amendment to the motion. The motion as amended will read: "That this House affirm its support for all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted with regard to the present situation in Somalia, and for Canadian participation in the multinational effort to establish, as soon as possible, an enduring, secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia".

I do not know why the member for Rosedale had difficulty with our amendment. The last thing we want is UN troops going in, putting everything in order for a week and then as soon as they are out everything is back to chaos. That we do not want and that is why our critic put in that amendment.

My first contact with Somalians was in my own riding of Parkdale—High Park. Many Somalians are settling in my riding. They already have a Somalian community centre. Many of them are getting into small businesses such as food processing, the restaurant business and what have you. Many of them have their Canadian citizenship already and are permanent residents. I know this debate tonight is of great interest and great importance to them.

It is important to them because they have many families separated by this war. Just last Friday I tabled a petition on their behalf, urging this government to speed up the unification of families. Again, it has taken two, three, four years to unite families.

Whether it was people from Ukraine, Poland or wherever, when it came to reuniting families I do not know why it takes this government so long to reunite families. I urge the government to please speed up the reunification of these families. A separated family is not good for Somalia, it is not good for Canada.

My second encounter with Somalians was in the neighbouring country of Ethiopia when I was there with the hon. member for Rosedale observing its regional elections on its request. I must compliment the member for Rosedale on the kind of reputation he left for