

- over 450 personnel to serve on NATO staffs in Europe;
- Canada's participation in NATO common-funded programs;
- an offer to train Allied forces on Canadian territory; and,
- appropriate resources devoted to arms-control verification in Europe.

Canada contributes to the four budgetary items of NATO: infrastructure, civil and military budgets, and the operating costs of NATO's agencies. This year, Canada will contribute \$168 million to NATO activities, plus an additional \$25 million in military aid to NATO countries under bilateral agreements.

Economic development is critical to democratic development, which is essential for stability. Among G-7 countries, Canada is second only to Germany, per capita, in its assistance to the former Soviet Union.

Peacekeeping is becoming increasingly important. Canada currently has more than 2000 troops in the former Yugoslavia, one of the largest national contingents to the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). Officers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were also sent to Croatia in support of UN activities. In addition, Canadians have, from the outset, served on the European Community Monitoring Mission in the former Yugoslavia.

Canadian Objectives

Canada supports NATO's efforts to strengthen the stabilizing role it plays in Europe, notably through its opening towards Central and Eastern Europe and its Partnership for Peace program. Canada will indeed encourage the acceleration of the implementation of this program as well as the development of a closer relationship with Russia in the area of European security.

Canada will also continue to support the structural and budgetary reforms of NATO so that the Alliance will be better-prepared to respond effectively to the new challenges it will face at the end of the 20th Century.