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CANADA IMPOSES NEW UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today announced that Canada is taking action to comply with the United Nations Security Council's decision to strengthen international sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

"I deeply regret that the Bosnian Serbs have refused to accept the provisions of the peace plan put forward by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen," said Mrs. McDougall. Their decision leaves Canada and the international community no option but to implement the rigorous measures called for by the Security Council."

UN Security Council Resolution 820 of April 17, 1993, requires, among other things, member states to expand the existing trade embargo, to freeze the assets of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to impound all its ships, aircrafts and vehicles, and to severely restrict the movement of goods and services across its borders. The resolution comes into effect today.

Mrs. McDougall said the tightening of the sanctions demonstrates the world's revulsion at the suffering perpetrated on innocent people. Canada is amending its existing regulations to ensure full and immediate compliance with the UN resolution.

The Minister said Canada will provide additional personnel to the Canadian-led Sanctions Assistance Mission in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to help that country with the implementation of the sanctions.

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