

## Canada's Contribution to European Security

- Canadian Forces have been deployed in Europe continuously since 1939.
- Canada's commitment to European security has included
  - contributing up to 18 Canadian Forces CF-18 aircraft during the height of NATO air operations in Yugoslavia (Operation Echo);
  - providing four staff officers to the Balkans Combined Air Operations Center in Vicenza, Italy;
  - providing two Hercules aircraft for a humanitarian airlift to Albania and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to support the World Food Program; and providing \$5 million in humanitarian aid for airlifts of emergency supplies to the Balkans, including tents, blankets, water and medical supplies;
  - deploying about 1,700 Canadian Forces personnel to participate in SFOR;
  - contributing 335 military and civilian personnel to serve on NATO staffs in Europe;
  - contributing naval and air forces to NATO operations, including the Standing Naval Force Atlantic and, occasionally, the Standing Naval Force Mediterranean. While Canada has traditionally contributed one ship on a continual basis, HMCS Fredericton, HMCS Halifax and HMCS Preserver took turns serving with the standing Atlantic force last year;
  - providing NATO with additional naval resources, a brigade group and two squadrons with up to 36 CF-18 aircraft based in Canada, in case of a crisis or war in Europe;
  - Canada contributes \$145.96 million to NATO's operating costs and infrastructure. Included are the military budget, \$41.5 million; civilian budget, \$12.64 million; NATO Security Investment Program, \$34.5 million; NATO Airborne Early Warning system, \$52 million;
  - providing resources for arms control verification in Europe; and
  - training NATO forces on Canadian territory.