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CANADA IMPOSES SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada has imposed sanctions against Libya. Necessary Canadian regulations have been put in place to implement mandatory sanctions called for in United Nations Security Council Resolution 748, adopted on March 31.

"We must fight international terrorism and work to ensure that UN Security Council resolutions are fully respected. In co-operation with the international community, Canada has moved quickly to put regulations in place imposing sanctions on Libya," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada has repeatedly called upon the Libyan government to respond to the UN requests, and we regret that it has chosen not to comply with the resolution."

The new sanctions prohibit:

- the operation over Canadian territory of aircraft from, or destined for, Libya;
- the export, sales, supply, shipment, or any other dealings in aircraft or aeronautical products to Libya;
- engineering and maintenance services for aircraft registered in Libya or used, leased or chartered by Libya, or persons in Libya, or for aeronautical products used in such aircraft;
- the issuance of airworthiness certificates for such aircraft;
- the payment of new insurance claims against an existing contract, or the provision of new direct insurance contracts for such aircraft;

- the operation in Canada of an office of the Libyan Arab Airlines or acting as an agent of Libyan Arab Airlines;
- the export, sale, supply or shipment to Libya of arms and related material;
- the granting of licences to Libya, or to any person in Libya, for the manufacture or maintenance of arms and related material;
- the provision to Libya, or to any person in Libya, of technical assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of arms and related material.

Controls on exports to Libya that were imposed in January 1986 under Canada's Export and Import Permits Act continue to apply.

The Minister noted that a consular officer from the Canadian Embassy in Tunis is currently in Tripoli to meet the needs of Canadians in Libya.

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