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## McDOUGALL CONDEMNS AGGRESSION AGAINST BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today condemned Serbia's aggression against Bosnia-Hercegovina. The Minister also called for the release of all refugees being held hostage by Serbian forces.

"Serbian actions with the intent of carving up an independent Bosnia-Hercegovina are unacceptable. I call on Serbian authorities to come to their senses and stop this aggression," said Mrs. McDougall.

The Minister added she was dismayed at reports of Serbian forces holding refugees as hostages.

"This morning, I have instructed our Ambassador in Belgrade to deliver a strong and unequivocal message to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia on Canada's outrage at Serbia's aggression and actions," said Mrs. McDougall.

The Minister also said she has instructed our special representative in Croatia to inform the Croatian authorities that Canada is also critical of that country's attitude toward Bosnia, including allegations of a possible partition of Bosnia and the eventual union of some portions with Croatia in a confederation.

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Mrs. McDougall said she has instructed our Mission to the European Community and our Embassy in Washington to consult urgently with Canada's friends and allies on measures that can be taken jointly to make Serbia stop its senseless actions. The Minister also said she will be maintaining contact with United Nations Secretary-General, Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, on this problem and on any possible UN actions in light of Security Council Resolution 752.

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