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## **McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES NEW HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced a contribution of \$3 million in response to Red Cross and United Nations appeals to cope with growing humanitarian assistance needs in the former Yugoslavia.

This contribution will support international efforts to deal with the expansion of relief activities due to increased fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The contribution will be allocated to the following organizations:

- \$1.3 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), to deal with the worsening refugee situation both within Bosnia-Herzegovina and elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia;
- \$1.1 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross to support its relief activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- \$500,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS) for the purchase of critically needed foodstuffs requested by the International Committee of the Red Cross. At the request of the CRCS, these will be delivered by Armed Forces aircraft; and
- \$100,000 to help Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, operating in Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia and Yugoslavia, assist displaced persons.

"The scale of human suffering in the former Yugoslavia has deeply touched us all," said Mrs. McDougall. "Since the beginning of this crisis, Canada has supported all efforts undertaken by the international community to bring a

peaceful resolution to this conflict, above all through the provision of a large Canadian contingent to the UN peacekeeping force and the provision of humanitarian assistance."

Mrs. McDougall invited interested Canadians to make their own donations to these international appeals and to support the efforts to bring peace to the region.

This brings to \$5.25 million Canada's contribution to the international effort to assist those affected by the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

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