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Toronto, ONTARIO – With recent announcements by the Bush Administration that they are considering military action to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the latest Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll released tonight indicates that a majority (54%) of Canadians do not approve of sending Canadian troops to support a U.S. military action towards Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein. This compares to just over four in ten (44%) who would agree with such a move to support our American allies.

- Regionally, the highest level of disagreement with this idea is found among those in Quebec (62%) and British Columbia (58%), followed by residents of Saskatchewan/Manitoba (50%), Ontario (50%), and Alberta (48%), while those in Atlantic Canada (45%) are least likely to disagree.
- Older (61%) Canadians are more likely than middle aged (54%) or younger (48%) Canadians to disagree with sending troops to Iraq in support of a US military action.
- Women (54%) and men (53%) are equally as likely to express this view.

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll conducted between August 27th and August 29th, 2002. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,000 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out

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of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1996 Census data.

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