

# ENDING CANADA'S COMBAT ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN

In July 2011, the Canadian Forces formally handed over control of the last Canadian held territory in Kandahar province. The end of Canada's United Nations mandated, NATO led combat mission marks a transition toward a non-combat training role for Canadian Forces in Afghanistan. This training mission, which will last until 2014 will build on the Canadian Force's established expertise in training Afghan National Security Forces, thereby contributing to the goal of preparing Afghans to assume responsibility for their own security. Let me assure you that your Conservative Government is committed to supporting Canadian Forces members and their families as our brave men and women return home in the coming weeks and months.

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Canada's soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen make significant sacrifices to stand up for Canadian values around the world. That is why your Conservative Government is taking action to help ensure that our troops and Veterans have support systems that reflect their unique challenges. Members of our military can be called to duty at any moment – affecting their ability to access Employment Insurance parental benefits.

Previously, these benefits provided income replacement for up to 35 weeks. As part of our action for military personnel and their families, the Government of Canada **extended the eligibility window for EI parental benefits by an additional 52 weeks** to help ensure that our troops get the proper access to the programs and services they need. The government has also taken action to make it easier for families to access EI sickness benefits after a loved one has passed away as a result of a service-related injury.

## *I Want to Hear from You!*

Do you support the Conservative Government's decision to end Canada's combat role in Afghanistan this past July?

**Yes!**

**No.**

**Unsure.**

*Please provide us with your e-mail so I can keep you up-to-date on important Government programs and initiatives.*