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CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN AIRLIFT CELEBRATIONS IN FRANKFURT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada has accepted an invitation from the Government of Germany to participate in ceremonies marking the international airlift of humanitarian assistance to the countries of the former Soviet Union.

Canada will be represented by our Ambassador to Germany, Mr. W. Thomas Delworth. Canadian Forces personnel and a Canadian Forces 707, just returning from delivering emergency humanitarian medical supplies to Kiev, will also be present. The ceremonies will be held in Frankfurt on Monday, February 10.

"We are proud to be part of a co-ordinated Western effort to provide assistance that is so badly needed," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada's humanitarian airlift is an important part of the Western countries' efforts to provide that assistance."

Mrs. McDougall said that the Canadian government is providing a total of \$6 million in medical assistance to the countries of the former Soviet Union. The Canadian airlift, which started on January 27, will bring 400,000 pounds of medical supplies to these countries.

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