i) Parliament and Parliamentary Institutions

CPaC programming will be built on the foundation of full, unedited coverage of the proceedings of the House of Commons. Coverage available on the existing House of Commons service will be augmented by daily repeats of Question Period and other discrete and self-contained segments of the proceedings of the House. Various separate and self-contained segments of the proceedings of the House may be identified: i) Members Statements; ii) Question Period; iii) Routine Proceedings; iv) Government Business and Orders; v) VIP Addresses; vi) Private Members' Business and; vii) Adjournment Debates. In all instances, where one of these segments is repeated, it will be repeated in its entirety. The Canadian public will have an opportunity to add its voice to topics discussed in the House in prime-time open line programs.

In addition, CPaC will produce factual, educational programming which explains Parliamentary procedure and process and which highlights the operations of various Parliamentary institutions. In order to make the Parliamentary schedule more understandable to viewers, CPaC will produce programming which informs viewers of the Parliamentary activities for that day and which briefly summarizes the results of any proceedings which have been held to that point. As well, the Office of the Speaker will be offered a regular time period to address aspects of the operation of the House.

CPaC also will provide full, unedited coverage of related public events and activities which occur within and around Parliament Hill. This coverage will be undertaken without editorial comment and will be carried on a gavel-to-gavel basis or, when a segment of these related proceedings is being carried by other broadcasters, CPaC coverage will commence when that other coverage is ended. This approach will allow for cross-promotion between CPaC and other broadcasters and could include: Committees of either Chamber, if Parliament decides to make them available; Federal-Provincial Conferences; the proceedings of federal regulatory agencies and special Committees of Inquiry with a Parliamentary mandate; Supreme Court decisions; and the announcements and press conferences of Ministers, federal departments and agencies. Alternately, CPaC may provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of these proceedings at a later point in the day to provide an additional viewing option.

Coverage of Parliament and Parliamentary institutions will in all instances accord first priority to the proceedings of the House, second priority to Committees should they become available and third priority to other events.

ii) National Political Party Activities

CPaC will provide the national political parties with a regularly scheduled opportunity to outline in greater detail their views on current public affairs issues, subject to an all-party agreement with respect to a formula for sharing the time available and an agreement with respect to the type of programming material which may be delivered.