January 24, 2002

Media representatives are advised that John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, will visit Afghanistan on January 25, 2002, to meet with officials of the newly formed Interim Administration, discuss upcoming challenges, and assess the situation on the ground first-hand. This visit concludes a nine-day trip to the region.

In Kabul, Mr. Manley will meet with the Chairman of the Interim Administration of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who is also on an official visit to the region. In addition, the Deputy Prime Minister will visit a demining project at the Kabul airport to mark the significant contribution that Canadians are making toward ridding the country of anti-personnel mines. Mr. Manley will also visit a CARE Canada project, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, which distributes food to Afghan widows.

Media availabilities/photo opportunities are currently scheduled as follows. Note that all events and times are subject to change.

Photo opportunity with Deputy Prime Minister Manley and Chairman Karzai; Media availability following bilateral (to be confirmed)

Date:

Friday, January 25, 2002

Time: Photo opportunity at 11:30 a.m.; possible media availability at noon

Location:

Presidential Palace, Kabul

Photo opportunity and media availability: Deputy Prime Minister Manley tours **CARE** food project

Date:

Friday, January 25, 2002

Time:

12:30 -1:40 p.m.

Location:

Park Road, Sahr-e-Naw, Kabul

Photo opportunity: Deputy Prime Minister Manley meets with Chairman Karzai and U.N. Secretary-General Annan

Date:

Friday, January 25, 2002

Time:

2:00 p.m.

Location:

Presidential Palace, Kabul

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