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MINISTER BERNIER TO PRESENT HONORARY CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR AUNG SAN SUU KYI

On Monday May 5, 2008, the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will present the Certificate of Honorary Citizenship for Aung San Suu Kyi to her cousin, Sein Win, during a ceremony on Parliament Hill.

The October 16, 2007, Speech from the Throne stated that the government would "immediately call upon Parliament to confer honorary citizenship on Aung San Suu Kyi." A motion conferring this honorary citizenship was passed by the House of Commons with all-party agreement on October 17.

The presentation of this honorary Canadian citizenship is a testament to Canada's long-standing respect and admiration for Aung San Suu Kyi's tireless struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma.

Event: Ceremony and photo opportunity
Date: Monday, May 5, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. EDT
Location: Room 256-S, Centre Block
Parliament Hill
Ottawa, Ontario

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