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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, has announced that the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Claude Laverdure, will return to Ottawa to report on developments in Haiti since Mr. Clark's departure for Africa. Early next week, he will also meet the group of parliamentarians charged with examining Canada's relations with Haiti. The Minister also announced that Canada's Chargé d'affaires in Haiti will represent Canada at the inauguration ceremony for the new President of the Republic of Haiti on February 7.

The Canadian government is conscious of the many challenges confronting the Government of Haiti, particularly in meeting the essential needs and aspirations of the Haitian people. The work of the Group of Parliamentarians under Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon will facilitate the Canadian government's evaluation of the relationship and the means by which Canada can best respond to fundamental Haitian needs.

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