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FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AGAINST IRAQ

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canadian citizens and eligible individuals who suffered losses caused by Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91 have until December 15, 1994, to submit their claims to the Government of Canada. Eligible claims will then be forwarded to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) in Geneva, whose Governing Council has stated its intention not to accept any more claims after January 1, 1995.

The UNCC was established by UN Security Council Resolution 687 of April 3, 1991, to deal with the large number of claims resulting from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

The Government of Canada will submit claims on behalf of Canadian citizens and individuals who obtained permanent residency status in Canada on or before March 31, 1993. Iraqi nationals who became Canadian citizens on or before July 1, 1993, may also submit a claim to the Government of Canada.

The filing deadline applies to individual claims under categories "A" (departure), "B" (personal injury or death), "C" (losses under US\$100 000), and "D" (losses over US\$100 000).

Requests for information should be directed to the Claims Section, Economic Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, at (613) 995-2222.

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