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FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST IRAQ

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canadian corporations, governments and international organizations with losses caused by Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91 have until November 15, 1995, to submit their claims to the Government of Canada.

Eligible claims will be forwarded to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), in Geneva, which 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 UNCC Governing Council has stated that it will not accept any claims after January 1, 1996. The filing deadline applies to claims of corporate and other entities (Category "E") and claims of governments and international organizations (Category "F").

To date, the Government of Canada has submitted approximately 1300 claims by individuals and corporations totalling over US\$141 million. The deadline for the submission of individual claims was January 1, 1995.

Requests for information and for claim forms should be directed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Economic Law Division, Claims Section, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, K1A 0G2 (Telephone: (613) 995-2222; Facsimile: (613) 992-2467).

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