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**SUBJECT - SUJET**

PRIME MINISTER CHRÉTIEN'S VISIT TO JAMAICA - CARICOM-Canada Summit  
(LCR - 0010)

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**ANTICIPATED QUESTION - QUESTION PREVUE**

What is the purpose of the Prime Minister's visit to Jamaica?

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**SUGGESTED REPLY- RÉPONSE SUGGÉRÉE**

- The Prime Minister will be in Montego Bay, Jamaica, January 18 and 19 to participate in the Canada-Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government Summit.
- The Summit was initially scheduled for September 29, 2000, but was postponed due to the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.
- The meeting will allow the Prime Minister to consult regional leaders on the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Quebec City in April, as well as explore ways to strengthen trade and investment links.
- The Prime Minister and the CARICOM leaders will address regional issues including the Free Trade Area of the Americas. They will exchange views on other issues of concern to small states such as multilateral initiatives on offshore financial centres, international crime and HIV/AIDS. Global issues, such as UN reform, will also be discussed.
- The Prime Minister will be accompanied by the Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.