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## 1987 CHOGM RETREAT SITE

Ambassador J.A. Doucet, Chairman of the International Summits Committee, announced on August 21 that the site of the retreat portion of the 1987 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting will be Lake Okanagan Resort near Kelowna, B.C.

"In examining potential retreat sites, the organizing committee originally identified two appropriate venues", said Mr. Doucet. "Based on the information on hand at the time, Whistler Mountain Resort was seriously considered. However, as a result of recent planning visits, including one this past week with representatives of the Commonwealth Secretariat, the organizing committee is now aware that the current construction program at Whistler is being accelerated and expanded. Because these events are beyond our control and have caused new logistical problems, the organizing committee has decided to opt for the alternative site of Lake Okanagan Resort".

Lake Okanagan Resort is located on 300 acres of parkland on the shores of Lake Okanagan, 17 kms north of Kelowna in the interior of British Columbia.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government are meeting in Vancouver from October 13-17 with the retreat portion from midday October 15 to late afternoon on October 16.

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