

Media Advisory

March 5, 2002

Media representatives are advised that John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, will host a business luncheon for Moshe Katsav, President of the State of Israel, on Thursday, March 7, 2002. The event, which will include guests from both the Canadian and Israeli business communities, takes place as both countries celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement. Open media coverage will be permitted for remarks and toasts at the beginning of the lunch, however, media representatives must have valid press gallery photo identification.

President Katsav is visiting Ottawa with an Israeli business delegation from March 5 to 8.

Canada and Israel have a growing trade relationship, with two-way trade exceeding \$950 million in 2001. This represents an increase of more than 100 percent since the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement came into effect in 1997.

Event: Deputy Prime Minister Manley hosts luncheon for Israeli President
(open media coverage of opening remarks and toasts)
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2002
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Confederation Ballroom 1, fourth floor
Westin Hotel
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

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