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JOE CLARK ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL AIRLIFT TO JAMAICA

EDMONTON - The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today at the Edmonton Jamaican Relief Centre announced that arrangements have been made for a chartered Air Canada DC-8 aircraft to depart Edmonton for Kingston on Monday, September 26, to transport relief supplies collected by the Jamaican community in Alberta.

Mr. Clark in speaking with the Jamaican Honorary Consul and members of the Jamaican community in Edmonton, noted the overwhelming response by Canadians to the appeal for relief supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Gilbert. The Jamaican Relief Centre has been gathering donations and supplies for onward delivery to Jamaica. At the request of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), two non-governmental organizations, CARE and OXFAM, are working with the Jamaican community in Canada to ensure that relief assistance meets Jamaica's immediate priority needs.

In reference to the work of CARE and OXFAM, Mr. Clark said "the government sincerely appreciates their efforts, in co-operation with the Jamaican community across Canada, to select appropriate goods for the relief program". Priority items thus far identified by the Jamaican authorities include dried foods, canned goods, tents, and construction materials.

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