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GULF CRISIS: SITUATION REPORT

The Canadian women and children who are being evacuated from Kuwait and Baghdad on September 6 will be flown to Ankara on the Iraqi Airways 707 chartered by the Canadian Embassy. In Ankara they will board the Nationair DC 8 charter which is on stand-by there, for the onward flight to Toronto via London (Gatwick). Some passengers may wish to deplane in Ankara or London.

Canadians who wish to make enquiries about next-of-kin who might be on the flight are invited to call (613) 992-6316 after 12:00 noon EDT on Thursday, September 6, when the Department will have more complete information.

The Canadian Consul in Baghdad is now in Kuwait, working with the Canadian Embassy and with the volunteer wardens of the Canadian community to prepare for tomorrow's flight. Information about the flight is also being broadcast through Radio Canada International and the BBC World Service.

An Attaché from the Embassy in Baghdad will accompany the flight from Kuwait to Ankara.

The Embassy in Baghdad has made special arrangements with the Iraqi authorities for rapid processing of the exit visas of the passengers from Kuwait while the aircraft remains on the ground in Baghdad.

Some Canadian women and children will join the plane in Baghdad. Any space available after Canadians have been accommodated will be used for the transport of other foreign nationals.

The Canadian Consul from Baghdad will remain in Kuwait for a further period after the departure of the airplane to assist the Embassy in communicating with Canadians who remain in Kuwait.

There is no change in plans regarding the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait, which remains open and in contact with Canadians despite the difficult living conditions.

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