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CANADA TO HOST P-8 MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TERRORISM

The Government of Canada today announced that Canada will host a P-8 ministerial meeting in Ottawa on December 12 to discuss measures to combat terrorism.

At the June 1995 Halifax Summit, leaders agreed to share their experiences of and lessons learned from major terrorist incidents, as well as to strengthen their co-operation in all efforts to combat terrorism, including in the areas of research and technology. As agreed in Halifax, a ministerial-level meeting has been called to discuss specific, co-operative measures to prevent and investigate terrorist acts. This is the first time such an event has been held in the context of the P-8.

Solicitor General Herb Gray, assisted by Justice Minister Allan Rock, will chair the meeting and lead the Canadian delegation. Participants will include ministers and officials from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and Spain (which currently presides over the European Union).

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