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Media representatives are advised that David Kilgour, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), will visit Hong Kong and Korea from November 7 to 12, 2002.

In Hong Kong, Mr. Kilgour and over 50 Canadian business representatives from Alberta, B.C., Ontario and Quebec will participate in a conference sponsored by the Hong Kong and Economic Trade Office (HKETO). The conference is designed to explore the challenges of the Chinese market and to provide networking opportunities for participants. The Secretary of State will deliver a keynote address at the opening ceremony of this event. He will also discuss human rights and good governance with government officials and representatives of NGOs.

In Seoul, Mr. Kilgour will participate in the Second Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies, where participants from approximately 100 countries will focus on the consolidation of democratic institutions; regional cooperation to promote democracy; media and democracy; and the coordination of democratic assistance. The Secretary of State will also meet with Korean Foreign Minister Choi Sung-Hong and participate in a number of bilateral meetings with other conference participants.

Media opportunities are scheduled as follows:

Hong Kong

Event:

Address at opening ceremony of HKETO conference

Date:

Friday, November 8 9:00 a.m. (local time)

Time: Location:

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Seoul, Korea

Event:

Photo opportunity with conference participants

Date:

Monday, November 11

Time: 12:45 p.m. (local time) (TBC)

Location:

COEX (Convention and Exhibition Center)

Samsung-dong, Kangnam-Ku, Seoul



