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VISIT OF THE DALAI LAMA TO CANADA

Inaccurate press reports have given the impression that the Dalai Lama will not be meeting with a member of the Canadian Government during his visit to Canada September 26 to October 2.

The Dalai Lama is coming to Canada on a privately organised, unofficial visit with a religious and human rights focus. The Dalai Lama, in his capacity as a spiritual leader, will meet with the Secretary of State, the Honourable Gerry Weiner, during this visit.

The Canadian government is interested in the views of a noted religious leader and Nobel Prize winner on human rights and peace. This meeting does not of course change Canada's fundamental policy of non-recognition of the "government-in-exile" of Tibet.

The Dalai Lama will also meet with Members of Parliament during his visit, including members of the Sub-Committee on International Human Rights and the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade.

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