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SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO WELCOME DELEGATION OF AFGHAN WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

On Sunday, March 2, 2008, the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, accompanied by Afghanistan's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Omar Samad, will welcome a delegation of women members of the Afghan National Assembly on their arrival in Canada. The parliamentarians will take part in a week-long training program provided by the Parliamentary Centre and funded by the International Development Research Centre, with cooperation from the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy).

During their week-long stay the visitors will also meet with Canadian parliamentarians, government officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations to discuss the role they are playing in Afghanistan.

Canada continues to actively promote women's rights in Afghanistan through programming and training aimed at enhancing access to education, health care, the labour market and political life.

Event: Photo opportunity
Date: March 2, 2008
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: V.I.P. Room, Level 2
Macdonald-Cartier International Airport
Ottawa, Ontario

Due to security considerations, all photographers are asked to pre-register their attendance no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, by calling Lisa Monette, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, at 613-301-0796.

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