

NEIGHBOURING ETHIOPIA, WE HAVE URGED DIPLOMATIC AND HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION.

ON DECEMBER 20, I NAMED MR. DOUGLAS LINDORES, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CIDA, TO SERVE AS MY SPECIAL ADVISOR ON ETHIOPIA AND BORDERING COUNTRIES.

MR. LINDORES RECENTLY HEADED A DELEGATION OF OFFICIALS FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CIDA ON A MISSION TO ETHIOPIA AND THE SUDAN.

THE DELEGATION MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, REBEL GROUPS, OTHER BILATERAL DONORS AND THE UNITED NATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHO ARE STRIVING TO BRING RELIEF TO THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE.

MR. LINDORES MET THIS WEEK, IN WASHINGTON, WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EPLF AND TPLF REBEL GROUPS, AS WELL AS VARIOUS INVOLVED AMERICAN RELIEF OFFICIALS.

ON MARCH 18, ACCOMPANIED BY THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR HALDIMAND-NORFOLK, THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR WINDSOR-ST. CLAIR, AND THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR KITCHENER-WATERLOO, I PERSONALLY MET WITH PRESIDENT MENGISTU AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET IN THE ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS. I CONVEYED TO HIM THE VIEWS OF CANADA ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUES OF FAMINE, PEACE