

LISTED BELOW ARE THE SPECIAL AND/OR UNPLANNED ACTIVITIES  
WHICH CONSUMED PROGRAM RESOURCES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

POST :640-BOGOTA

NOTE: THE NOTABLE INCREASE IN DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF A LEADING PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATE IN COLOMBIA IN LATE AUGUST REFLECTS IN THE ACTIVITY FIGURES OF THIS QUARTERLY REPORT. THE SITUATION AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ADVICE TO AVOID TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA AT THIS TIME RESULTED IN THE CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF DOZENS OF SCHEDULED BUSINESS VISITS FROM CANADA AND A PROVINCIAL TRADE MISSION FROM ONTARIO. SOME COLOMBIAN INVESTMENT AND HENCE PURCHASING HAS BEEN PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL THE SITUATION STABILIZES, ALTHOUGH MANY ESSENTIAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED. THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION WILL SEEK TO ASSIST CANADIAN COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN AND ADVANCE THEIR BUSINESS INTERESTS DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH CURRENTLY APPLY.

- Five companies participated and were able to establish good contacts. Companies estimated that sales exceeding \$5m could result. - Second report will appear.