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Dear Friends,

At the request of Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy, we are working with John Hannigan, Magda Opalski and others to bring together a diverse group of Canadians to address water conflicts as a global Human Security issue and to assess Canada's experience, expertise and leadership in water problems. I am pleased you can participate in this policy development roundtable to be held on Tuesday April 13, 1999 at room 214 Wellington Building, 180 Wellington St. (House of Commons), Ottawa, Ontario from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Canadian experts have been invited to make short presentations to help generate a full discussion of issues and needs. The agenda, including invited presenters and the list of participants is attached. As you may know, Human Security has become a key theme and central objective of Canadian foreign policy. Promoting Human Security by addressing water-resource, water-management and water-conflicts could be a key element in Canada's interests abroad. Our roundtable provides an opportunity to assess Canadian interest, experience and expertise in water as we continue to develop Canada's Human Security approach to foreign policy. I look forward to seeing you on April 13.

Sincerely,

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