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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that Mr. Dirk Stikker, the Chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary-General of NATO, will not visit Ottawa on October 9 and 10 as was previously announced. Following a routine medical examination, Mr. Stikker has been advised to stay in hospital for a minor operation.

Mr. Green expressed the Canadian Government's regret that they would not have the pleasure of receiving Mr. Stikker in Canada at this time. It was hoped that the Secretary-General would make a speedy recovery and be able to carry out his plan to visit Canada in the near future.