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# Media Advisory

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Bill Graham, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Denis Coderre, and Minister for International Cooperation Susan Whelan today announced that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ruud Lubbers, will make an official visit to Canada from February 4 to 6, 2002.

Mr. Lubbers will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Ministers Graham, Coderre and Whelan, as well as Minister of National Defence Art Eggleton. The UN High Commissioner will also meet with members of Parliament and senators, representatives from the Immigration and Refugee Board and a number of Canadian non-governmental groups.

The visit will provide an opportunity to discuss Canada's refugee policies and programs as well as ongoing humanitarian crises, including the plight of Afghan refugees.

**A media opportunity is scheduled as follows:**

**Photo opportunity: High Commissioner Lubbers lays a wreath at the Monument to Canadian Aid Workers**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 6, 2002  
**Time:** Noon  
**Location:** Rideau Falls

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