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PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON HAITI

On January 26th, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced the creation of a Parliamentary Group chaired by Jean-Guy Hudon, M.P., to examine the status of relations between Canada and Haiti.

To help them fulfil their mandate, the Parliamentarians will be in Montreal on February 16, 17 and 18, 1988 to meet groups interested in presenting their views on Canada's position towards Haiti.

The Parliamentary Group will hold information sessions on each of the above mentioned dates, from 09:00 to 12:00, and from 14:00 to 17:00. Each interested party wishing to meet the Parliamentary Group is asked to call the following numbers in Ottawa (613) 995-3274 or (613) 995-7650 (collect). Each group will have to designate a spokesperson to present its point of view. The group will be allowed half an hour. Ten minutes will be devoted to the group's presentation and the remaining twenty minutes for questions and answers period.

Following the sessions in Montreal, the Parliamentary Group expects to visit Haiti and meet with the Haitian authorities and other concerned interlocutors.

The Parliamentarians will submit their report to the Secretary of State for External Affairs by March 31, 1988.

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