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**MINISTER BERNIER TO ATTEND PARIS DONORS' CONFERENCE  
ON AID TO PALESTINIANS**

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will participate in a donors' conference on aid to the Palestinian people in Paris, France, on December 17, 2007.

This conference will be the largest international conference of donors for the Palestinian Territories since the one held in Paris in 1996. The aim of the Paris Conference, following on from the Annapolis Conference on the Middle East of November 26 and 27, is to provide financial and political support for the Palestinian Authority to enable it to develop the capacities to build a viable State. About 90 delegations are expected to attend, including international and regional financial institutions, the European Commission and the United Nations.

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