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"The results of this roundtable exceeded our already high expectations. We are getting useful advice from highly experienced people."

- David Mulroney, Assistant Deputy Minister (Asia-Pacific) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

At the request of the Assistant Deputy Minister, we organized and hosted a roundtable on governance needs and scenarios in Afghanistan on Friday, October 12, 2001. We are very grateful to his highness Prince Mostapha Zaher and the other 45 participants who were able to join us on short notice. The roundtable attracted wide interest across government. We were pleased to be able to accommodate participants from several government departments and the Privy Council Office as well as Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley's Senior Policy Advisor.

Attached you will find the report from the roundtable.

At the invitation of the Assistant Deputy Minister, I briefed 40 officials, on Wednesday, 17 October, 2001, (from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Department of National Defence, the Department of Finance, Citizenship and Immigration, and the Privy Council Office) on the highlights and recommendations from the roundtable. This began a longer inter-departmental discussion to further develop Canadian policy. Participants at that inter-departmental meeting also received a copy of this report.

Roundtable participants have made a substantive contribution to Canadian foreign policy.

Thanks once again to all who participated, who made presentations, and who provided help and advice for this event. Your comments and views are most welcome. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Steve Lee Executive Director

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