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SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO REPRESENT GOVERNMENT AT THE CONFERENCE ON THE RULE OF LAW IN AFGHANISTAN

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The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, today announced that the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister of Sport, will represent Canada during the Conference on the Rule of Law in Afghanistan, in Rome, Italy, on July 2-3, 2007.

The conference is expected to produce a comprehensive Afghan-led strategy for strengthening the rule of law in Afghanistan. Participants will explore a range of questions, including constitutional and legislative issues, legal education and training, legal aid, access to justice, and human rights. Further information, including the conference agenda, is available at www.rolafghanistan.esteri.it/ConferenceRol

Canadian media representatives interested in attending this conference must be accredited with the conference organizers.

Event:	Media teleconference
Date:	Tuesday, July 3, 2007 (TBC)
Time:	2:00 p.m. EDT (TBC)

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 no later than 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

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