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On Friday, November 30, in Ottawa, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will host a dinner in support of the Night of a Thousand Dinners initiative, to mark the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Ottawa Convention banning anti-personnel mines.

Over the past year, the Canadian Landmines Foundation (CLF) and the United Nations Association of the United States (UNAUS) have been working toward the goal of having 1000 dinners organized around the world on November 30. The purpose of the dinners is to raise awareness about the global landmine crisis and to collect funds for various landmine-related organizations.

Government officials, corporations, NGOs and private citizens have been encouraged to organize a dinner in support of this initiative.

Media representatives are invited to join Minister Manley at numerous locations throughout the evening as he visits private citizens who have taken up the challenge of the CLF and the UNAUS, hosts his own dinner with his wife Judith at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and attends an after-dinner function at the Governor General's residence to end the day.

On December 3, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will further celebrate the anniversary by hosting a reception to officially launch "Surviving Landmines: The Legacy of the Perfect Soldier," a photo exhibit by Italian photographer Giovanni Diffidenti. Senator Sheila Finestone will open the exhibit, and Jerry White, founder of the Landmine Survivors' Network, and Porfirio Gomez Zamora, a landmine survivor from Nicaragua and a participant in the "Raising the Voices of Landmine Survivors" initiative, will address the reception.

Media opportunities are scheduled as follows:

All events are scheduled to take place in Ottawa, Ontario.

Friday, November 30

Minister Manley at the Cuhaci/McCorriston dinner

Date: Friday, November 30

Time: 6:45 - 6:55 p.m.

Location: 2294 Bowman Road



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