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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND THE GULF CRISIS INCLUDING ADVICE ON PAKISTAN

External Affairs and International Trade Canada has today added Pakistan to the list of countries where Canadian visitors and residents are being advised to exercise additional caution and keep in close contact with either the Canadian High Commission in Islamabad (telephone 82-11-01/04 or 82-13-02/06) or the Canadian Consulate in Karachi (telephone 55-10-31/37). Canadians in Pakistan should be alert to the possibility of civil unrest, including risk to foreigners in relation to developments in the Middle East.

As the safety of Canadians living and travelling abroad is of prime importance, External Affairs and International Trade Canada is keeping a close watch on conditions as they may affect all Canadians abroad, including those in areas beyond the region immediately involved in the Gulf conflict. If conditions indicate that Canadians should defer travel to or be advised to leave a particular area, advice to that effect will be issued immediately.

In this period of increased tension, Canadians are encouraged to keep their travel plans under close review.

The Department has three telephone numbers available for those seeking advice on travel to specific areas:

For Middle East:

National Capital Region

(613) 992-6316

Elsewhere in Canada

1-800-267-6788

For Other Destinations:

Consular Operations Division

(613) 996-4376

Those seeking advice outside Canada should contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic mission.

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