
Media Advisory

December 17, 2008

No. A/76

Speech by Minister Cannon at the Canada-Algeria Luncheon in Montreal

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will deliver a speech on the Canada-Algeria business partnership and future prospects at a luncheon given by the Canada-Algeria Business Alliance and the Alliance des manufacturiers et exportateurs du Québec.

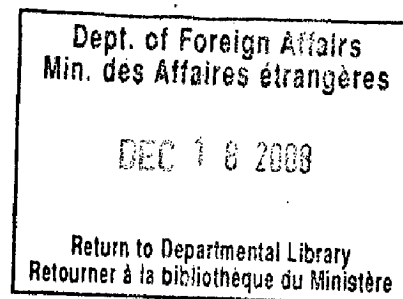
Event: Speech by the Minister
Date: Thursday, December 18, 2008
Time: 12:30 p.m. EST
Location: Omni Mont-Royal Hotel
Pierre de Coubertin Room, Level 1
1050 Sherbrooke St. West
Montreal, Quebec

For more information, please contact:

Natalie Sarafian
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

December 16, 2008

No. A/75

Minister Day to Make Important Announcement

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will make an important announcement at a press conference on December 17, 2008, in Lévis, Quebec. He will be accompanied by Steven Blaney, Member of Parliament for Lévis-Bellechasse.

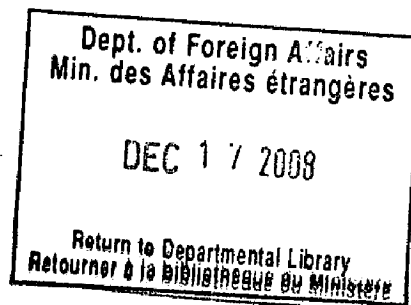
Event: Press conference
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 10:15 a.m. EST
Location: Davie Yards Inc.
22 George-D. Davie Street
Lévis, Quebec

Members of the media are requested to be on-site a few minutes in advance as they will have to go through security.

For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

December 16, 2008

No. A/74

Minister Cannon to Host Diplomatic Forum in Québec City

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will outline Canada's international priorities in an opening address at the Diplomatic Forum, which he will host in Québec City on December 17, 2008.

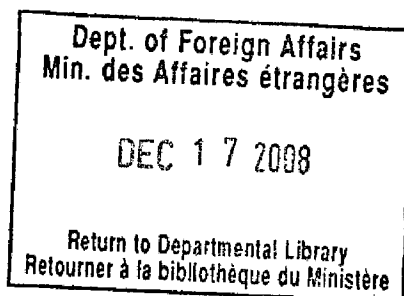
The Diplomatic Forum is an annual event organized by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. It brings together foreign and Commonwealth heads of diplomatic missions who are accredited to Canada. The Diplomatic Forum is intended to provide heads of mission with a series of briefings on current Canadian public policy issues that will assist them in understanding and interpreting Canada and Canadians for their respective nations.

Event: Speech
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 8:45 a.m. EST
Location: Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel
Frontenac Room
1 Carrières Street
Québec City, Québec

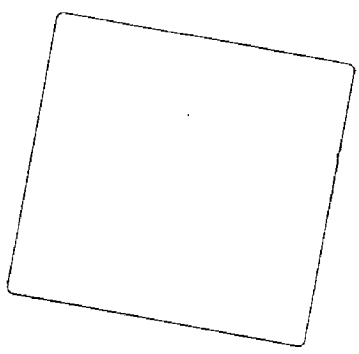
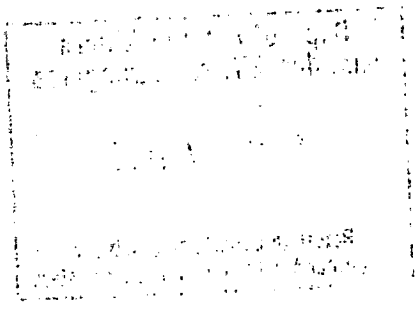
Event: Media availability
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 9:15 a.m. EST
Location: Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel
1 Carrières Street
Québec City, Québec

For more information, please contact:

Natalie Sarafian
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851



Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

December 15, 2008

No. A/73

Minister Day to Address Diplomatic Forum

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will travel to Quebec City, Quebec, on December 17, 2008, to deliver a speech to the Diplomatic Forum on Canada's trade policy priorities and objectives.

The Diplomatic Forum is an annual event organized by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. It brings together foreign and Commonwealth heads of diplomatic missions who are accredited to Canada. The Diplomatic Forum is intended to provide heads of mission with a series of briefings on current Canadian public policy issues that will assist them in understanding and interpreting Canada and Canadians for their respective nations.

Event: Speech (open to media)
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 12:45 p.m. EST
Location: Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel
Jacques Cartier Room
1 Carrières Street
Quebec City, Quebec

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

DEC 16 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

The Minister will be available for questions briefly after his speech.

For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

December 8, 2008
No. A/72

Minister Day to Travel to Panama

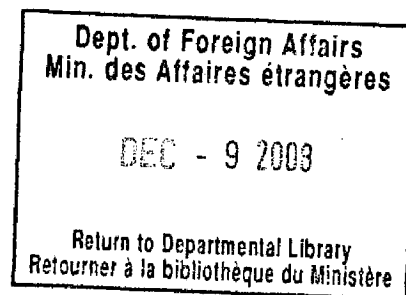
The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will travel to Panama City, Panama, from December 9 to 10 to attend the first ministerial meeting of the Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas initiative.

The Pathways initiative was formally launched September 24 in New York at a leaders' summit on the margins of the UN General Assembly meeting. The initiative comprises the following countries: the United States, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Colombia, Panama and Peru. The group's objective is to consolidate gains from existing trade and move forward with a more ambitious hemispheric trade liberalization agenda.

For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

December 1, 2008
No. A/71

Minister Day and Minister Ritz to Hold Media Teleconference on Trade Issues

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, and the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, will hold a teleconference on trade issues.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Monday, December 1, 2008
Time: 3:45 p.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Trade Media Relations Office at 613-996-2000 to obtain the teleconference number and access code.

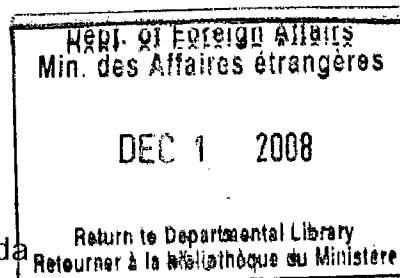
For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Meagan Murdoch
Press Secretary
Office of the Honourable Gerry Ritz
613-759-1059

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Media Relations
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
613-759-7972
1-866-345-7972



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

November 30, 2008
No. A/70

Ambassador Sproule to Hold Media Teleconference

Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, David Sproule, will hold a media teleconference on Sunday, November 30, 2008.

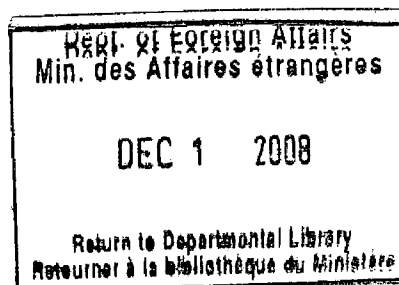
Ambassador Sproule will provide an update on the situation in Thailand and actions being taken by the Embassy of Canada in Bangkok.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2008
Time: 10:30 p.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 1-888-265-0903 (North America) or 613-954-9003 (international/local) and enter the following conference code: 559175.

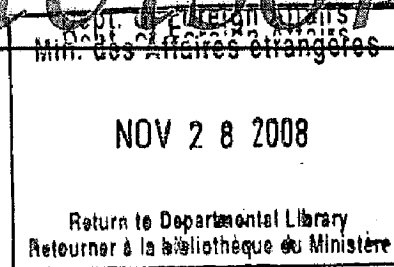
For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

November 28, 2008
No. A/69



Minister Cannon to Hold Media Teleconference

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold a media teleconference on Friday, November 28, 2008.

Minister Cannon will provide an update on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Friday, November 28, 2008
Time: 12:15 a.m. EST

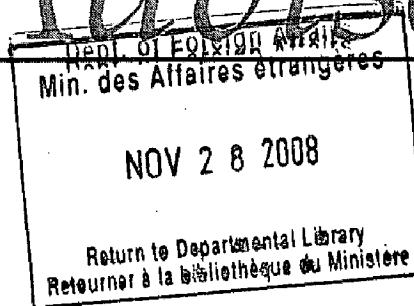
Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 613-954-9003 or 1-888-265-0903 and enter the following conference code: 481392.

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory



November 27, 2008
No. A/68

Minister Cannon to Hold Media Teleconference

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold a media teleconference on Thursday, November 27, 2008.

Minister Cannon will provide an update on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Thursday, November 27, 2008
Time: 1:45 p.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 613-954-4096 or 1-888-265-0464 and enter the following conference code: 75991370.

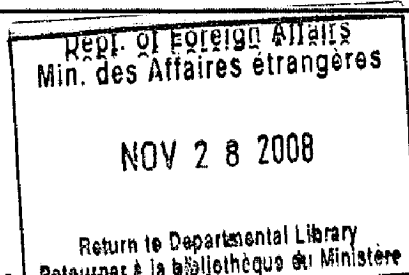
For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

November 27, 2008
No. A/67



Minister Cannon to Hold Media Teleconference

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold a media teleconference on Thursday, November 27, 2008.

Minister Cannon will provide an update on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Thursday, November 27, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 613-954-4096 or 1-888-265-0464 and enter the following conference code: 75975317.

For more information, please contact:

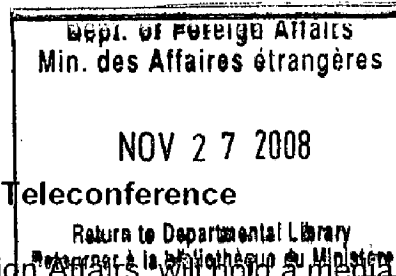
Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

CA
EA
M21
Eng

November 26, 2008
No. A/66



Minister Cannon to Hold Media Teleconference

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold a media teleconference on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

Minister Cannon will make a statement on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2008
Time: 5:30 p.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 613-954-9003 and enter the following passcode 458297.

For more information, please contact:

Nathalie Sarafian
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



CAJ
EA
M21
Eng

Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

NOV 27 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la Bibliothèque du Ministère

November 26, 2008
No. A/65

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Wednesday, November 26, 2008, the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Chair of Canada's Cabinet Committee on Afghanistan, will provide an overview of the Government of Canada's second quarterly report on progress made toward achieving Canada's objectives for its engagement in Afghanistan through 2011.

Senior representatives from the Afghanistan Task Force, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, and the Department of National Defence will provide a background technical briefing in advance of the Minister's availability.

- Event:** Media availability with Minister Day preceded by background technical briefing with senior federal officials
- Date:** Wednesday, November 26, 2008
- Time:** 3:45 pm EST
- Location:** Charles Lynch Room (130-S)
Centre Block, Parliament Hill
Ottawa, Ontario

Media representatives unable to attend in person may participate by teleconference.

Teleconference information:

- Conference ID number: 75513613
- Local/international dial-in number: 613-954-4096
- North American dial-in number: 1-888-265-0464

For more information, please contact:



Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

www.afghanistan.gc.ca/canada-afghanistan/index.aspx?lang=en

Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

NOV 27 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la Bibliothèque du Ministère

November 21, 2008

No. A/64 - Modification (How to obtain teleconference number and access code)

Minister Day to Hold Media Teleconference Following APEC Ministerial Meeting in Peru

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will hold a media teleconference following his meetings in São Paulo, Brazil, and at the APEC Ministerial Meeting in Lima, Peru.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008
Time: 1 p.m. EST

Media representatives interested in participating in the call back please contact the Trade Media Relations Office at 613-996-2000 to obtain the teleconference number and access code.

For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

NOV 27 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

November 21, 2008
No. A/64

Minister Day to Hold Media Teleconference Following APEC Ministerial Meeting in Peru

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will hold a media teleconference following his meetings in São Paulo, Brazil, and at the APEC Ministerial Meeting in Lima, Peru.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008
Time: 1 p.m. EST

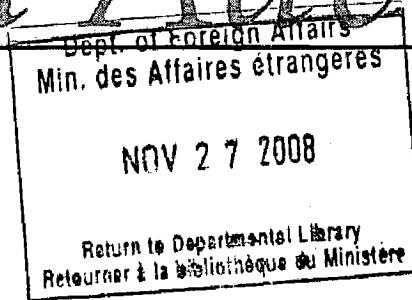
For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory



November 19, 2008
No. A/63

Technical Briefing for APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on Thursday, November 20, 2008, on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, which will take place November 22 and 23, 2008, in Lima, Peru. Officials will be available to respond to questions (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Technical Briefing (open to media only)
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. EST
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

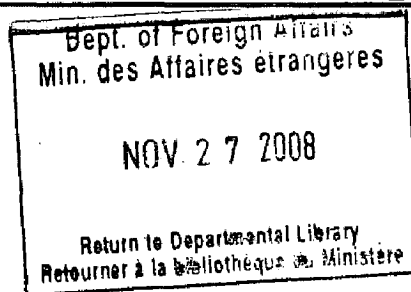
Media representatives interested in attending or participating by teleconference should register by contacting the Trade Media Relations Office at 613-996-2000.

For more information, please contact:

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory



November 19, 2008
No. A/62

Minister Cannon to Hold Call Back from APEC Summit in Peru

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in Lima, Peru, to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting from November 19 to 20, 2008, will hold a call back for members of the Canadian media on Thursday, November 20.

Event: Call back
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Time: 2:30 p.m. EST

Canadian media representatives wishing to participate are asked to call the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to obtain the call-in number.

For more information, please contact:

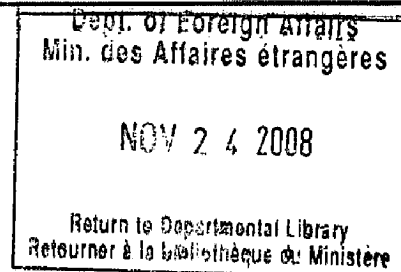
Catherine Loubier
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

November 14, 2008
No. A/61



Minister Day to Travel to Brazil

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will travel to São Paulo, Brazil, from November 17 to 18 on his way to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial Meeting in Lima, Peru.

While in Brazil, Minister Day will meet with senior government officials and representatives from the business community. He will also attend the International Biofuels Conference, and will make an announcement that will enhance Canada-Brazil commercial relations.

For more information, please contact:

Mélisa Leclerc
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
613-992-6186

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



CA1
EA
M21
ENG

Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

NOV 24 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

November 11, 2008
No. A/60

Minister Cannon to Meet with Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will meet with Canada's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Ron Hoffmann, in Ottawa on November 12, 2008.

Minister Cannon and Ambassador Hoffmann will discuss a number of issues, including the delivery of Canada's six priorities in Afghanistan. Minister Cannon will also convey to the Ambassador his personal congratulations to all Canadian officials, in Ottawa and abroad, who participated in the recent successful release from captivity of Canadian journalist Mellissa Fung.

Before their meeting, the Minister and the Ambassador will hold a photo opportunity.

Event: Photo opportunity
Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Time: 4:30 p.m. EST
Location: Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx
www.afghanistan.gc.ca



Media Advisory

LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
Min. des Affaires étrangères

NOV 13 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

October 27, 2008
No. A/59

Senator Andreychuk to Lead Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Libya

Senator Raynell Andreychuk is leading a trade mission to Tripoli, Libya, from October 27 to 30 to strengthen commercial ties between Canada and Libya. The trip is an opportunity for companies from Canada's oil and gas sector to share their expertise in the field with Libyans and to introduce Canadian products and technologies to the Libyan market.

While in Tripoli, Senator Andreychuk will attend a range of meetings to discuss issues related to political and economic relations between Canada and Libya.

Canada's commercial relations with Libya were normalized in 1999. Libya is a dynamic market with many opportunities for Canadian exporters of goods and services, especially in energy, infrastructure and information communications technology. In 2007, Canadian merchandise exports to Libya reached \$195 million. There is also significant Canadian investment in Libya, in areas including the oil and gas sector.

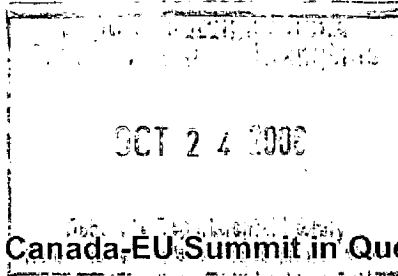
For further information, media representatives may contact:

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

October 16, 2008
No. A/58



Technical Briefing for Canada-EU Summit in Québec City, Quebec

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on Friday, October 17, 2008, on the Canada-European Union Summit, which will take place in Québec City, Quebec.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for leaders to discuss key bilateral and global issues.

Only accredited media representatives who hold a valid parliamentary press gallery ID, national assembly press gallery ID or a Francophonie Summit ID will have access to the technical briefing room.

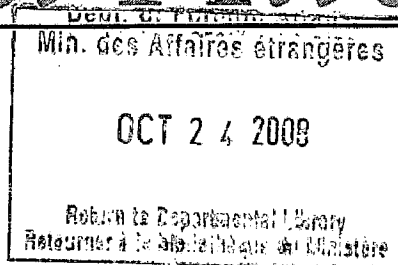
Event: Technical briefing
Date: Friday, October 17, 2008
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Gymnasium, La Citadelle de Québec

For more information, please contact:

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory



October 16, 2008
No. A/57

Media Accreditation for the Canada–EU Summit

On Friday, October 17, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will welcome Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, and José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission to the Canada–EU Summit in Quebec City.

Canada–EU summits bring together Canada's Prime Minister, the leader of the EU member state that holds the current EU presidency, and the President of the European Commission, who is also the High Representative for Foreign Policy.

Media representatives who have already applied for Francophonie accreditation need not reapply for Canada–EU Summit accreditation. Media representatives that are in possession of a valid parliamentary press gallery ID or a valid national assembly press gallery ID will have access to the site and will not have to apply for additional accreditation. If you do not have parliamentary ID, you will have to apply for Francophonie summit accreditation at:
<http://www.francophoniequebec2008.gc.ca/fr/medias/agenda.php>.

Event: Canada–EU Summit media accreditation
Date: Friday, October 17, 2008
Location of Summit: La Citadelle of Québec

For more information, please contact:

International Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca



Media Advisory

September 4, 2008

No. A/56

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Friday, September 5, 2008, David Mulroney, Deputy Minister of Canada's Afghanistan Task Force, will provide a general on-the-record overview of the benchmarks and progress indicators that Canada will be using in Afghanistan between now and 2011.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: September 5, 2008
Time: 11 to 11:45 a.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

Media representatives unable to attend in person may participate by teleconference.

Teleconference information:

Conference ID number: 63454812
Local/international dial-in number: 613-954-4096
North American dial-in number: 1-888-265-0464

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

www.afghanistan.gc.ca



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

August 21, 2008
No. A/55

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, August 21, 2008, CANADEM's Director of the Canadian Governance Support Office (Afghanistan), Grant Brown, and Canada's chargé d'affaires for Afghanistan, Ron Hoffman, will provide an on-the-record overview from the field on Canada's role in Afghanistan, specifically the role of the Canadian Governance Support Office.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: August 21, 2008
Time: 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

Teleconference information:
Conference ID # 61381369
Local/International Dial-In Number: 613-954-4096
North American Dial-In Number: 1-888-265-0464

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

August 18, 2008

No. A/54 - Modification (registration)

Minister Emerson to Hold Media Teleconference

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold a media teleconference from Brussels on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

Minister Emerson is in Brussels this week to attend a NATO foreign ministers' meeting.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2008
Time: 8:45 a.m. EDT

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should register with the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874.

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Min. des Affaires étrangères

JUL 24 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

July 16, 2008
No. A/52

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, July 17, 2008, the Representative of Canada in Kandahar, Elissa Golberg, and Bob Johnston, Director General, Afghanistan Task Force, Canadian International Development Agency, will provide an on-the-record overview of the Dahla Dam reconstruction and rehabilitation project.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence, will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: July 17, 2008
Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

JUL 24 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la Bibliothèque du Ministère

July 16, 2008
No. A/51

Ministers Fortier and Ritz to Participate in WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting in Geneva

The Honourable Michael M Fortier, Minister of International Trade, and the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, will represent Canada at the WTO informal ministerial meeting in Geneva, which will begin on July 21, 2008.

In Geneva, the ministers will seek to reach agreement on detailed rules and commitments in the agricultural and non-agricultural market access negotiations, as well as advance the work on trade in services and other areas of the Doha agenda. This would set the stage for efforts to conclude the Doha Development Round of negotiations.

The Government of Canada is strongly committed to the multilateral process and continues to press for a broad and ambitious outcome to the Doha Round.

For more information, please contact:

Christopher Hilton
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Margaux Stastny
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
613-759-1059



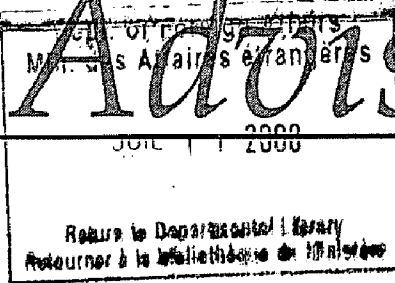
Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Relations
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
613-759-7972
1-866-345-7972
www.agr.gc.ca

Media Advisory



July 3, 2008
No. A/50

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Friday, July 4, 2008, the Canadian Civilian Police Contingent Commander in Kandahar Province, Superintendent Joe McAllistar, will provide an on-the-record overview of Canada's police training, mentoring, and infrastructure and equipment support activities in Afghanistan. This will be done via teleconference from Kandahar.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: July 4, 2008
Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

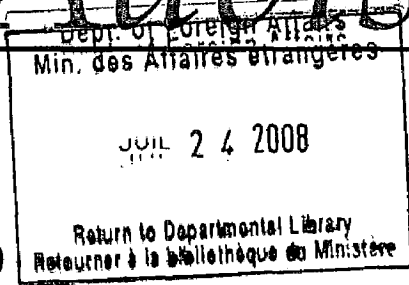
Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government of Canada
Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory



July 2, 2008
No. A/49 - Modification (time of event)

Technical Briefing on the G8 Summit and Prime Minister Harper's Official Visit to Japan from July 7 to 10

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on the G8 summit and Prime Minister Harper's upcoming official visit to Japan, on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, and will be available to respond to questions.

Event: Technical Briefing (open to the media only)
Date: Wednesday, July 2
Time: 1:00 p.m. EDT
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Media representatives interested in attending or participating by teleconference should register by contacting the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874.

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
613-995-1851

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Media Advisory

June 25, 2008

No. A/47

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, June 26, 2008, Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Arif Lalani, will provide an on-the-record overview of Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)

Date: June 26, 2008

Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. EDT

Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

June 19, 2008
No. A/46

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, Colonel Gerry Champagne will provide an on-the-record overview of Canada's military activities in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: June 19, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

June 18, 2008

No. A/45

Minister Emerson to Deliver Keynote Address on Expanding Canada's Commercial Footprint

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will be the keynote speaker at International Trade Day hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mississauga on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

He will outline Canada's milestones in trade and investment over the past year and make important announcements highlighting Canada's plans to expand its commercial footprint at home and abroad.

Event: Keynote speech (open to media)
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2008
Time: 8:15 a.m. EDT
Location: Mississauga Convention Centre
Hall A
75 Derry Road West
Mississauga, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Min. des Affaires étrangères

JUN 18 2008

Return to Departmental Library
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

June 13, 2008
No. A/44

Minister Emerson to Announce Enhanced Cooperation in Science and Technology Between Canada and India

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will make an announcement on science and technology cooperation between Canada and India at a reception hosted by the Government of Canada in honour of the Honourable Kapil Sibal, India's Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Event: Remarks (open to media)
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2008
Time: 5:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Delta Chelsea Hotel
South Tower, 2nd floor
Mountbatten Salon
33 Gerrard Street West
Toronto, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

June 10, 2008

No. A/43

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to Attend Paris Conference on Afghanistan

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will travel to Paris to participate in the International Conference in Support of Afghanistan taking place June 12, 2008.

This conference will be an opportunity for the international community to reaffirm its commitment to Afghanistan and its people. It follows previous international conferences, including the 2006 London Conference, where the Afghanistan Compact was adopted.

Ministers and representatives of 80 states and organizations will attend, including all major contributors of troops or development assistance to the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Representatives of Afghanistan's neighbouring states and other states in the region will also attend.

Afghan president Hamid Karzai, French president Nicolas Sarkozy and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon will open the event, which will be presided over by French foreign minister Bernard Kouchner.

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

June 10, 2008
No. A/42

Media Briefing on Afghanistan

On Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, the Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, will provide an on-the-record briefing to announce new signature projects and to outline Canada's priorities in Afghanistan between now and 2011.

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: June 10, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:20 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Department of National Defence
Media Liaison Office
866-377-0811

Canadian International Development Agency
Media Relations Office
819-953-6534
info@acdi-cida.gc.ca



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

June 5, 2008
No. A/40

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, June 5, 2008, Khalil Shariff, Chief Executive Officer of Aga Khan Foundation Canada, will provide an on-the-record overview of the Foundation's programs, activities and partnerships in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: June 5, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

May 28, 2008
No. A/39

Secretary of State Guergis and Minister Blackburn to Hold Media Teleconference from Peru

The Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport), and the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Labour, will hold a media teleconference from Lima, Peru, on Thursday, May 29, 2008.

They will be discussing an important announcement regarding Canada's efforts to advance its trade relationship with Peru, open up new opportunities for Canadian business, and pursue higher levels of environmental protection.

On January 26, 2008, Canada and Peru announced the conclusion of negotiations toward a Free Trade Agreement that, once in force, will provide several benefits to Canadians and Peruvians alike in key sectors, including mining, energy and professional services.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008
Time: 1:45 p.m. EDT

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial:

North American dial-in number: 1-888-265-0464
International dial-in number: 613-954-4096
Teleconference ID number: 49527847

For more details, please visit:

www.international.gc.ca/commerce/visit-visite/peru-perou/index.aspx?lang=en

For more information, please contact:

Blair MacLean
Director of Communications and Parliamentary Affairs
Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and
Secretary of State for Sport
613-992-4224



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Michael Winterburn
Office of the Minister of Labour
819-953-5646

Media Relations Office
Human Resources and Social Development Canada
819-994-5559

Media Advisory

May 28, 2008
No. A/38

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Wednesday, May 28, 2008, Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Arif Lalani, will provide an on-the-record overview of the challenges and opportunities facing Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: May 28, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

May 22, 2008

No. A/37

Technical Briefing on Prime Minister's Visit to France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on Friday, May 23, 2008, on the Prime Minister's visit to Paris, Bonn, Rome and London, from May 27 to 29.

Accredited media representatives interested in attending but unable to be in Ottawa should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register to participate in the event by teleconference.

Event: Technical briefing
Date: Friday, May 23, 2008
Time: 11:00 a.m. EDT
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

May 22, 2008
No. A/36

Technical Briefing on Afghanistan

On Thursday, May 22, 2008, Nigel Fisher, President and CEO of UNICEF Canada, will provide an on-the-record overview of UNICEF programmes, activities and partnerships in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: May 22, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

May 16, 2008
No. A/35

MINISTER EMERSON TO TRAVEL TO CHINA

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will travel to Beijing, China, from May 20 to 23, 2008.

Minister Emerson will participate in a round-table discussion with Canadian and Chinese business executives to explore two-way investment opportunities.

As part of Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative, the Minister will host a forum on trade and logistics development to increase container traffic between Canada and China.

Minister Emerson will officially open the British Columbia Canada Pavilion with Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia. This unique marketing and exhibition facility is intended to build new relationships and strengthen partnerships between Canada and China before, during and after the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games.

This trip will also provide an opportunity for Minister Emerson to express condolences on behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians on the tragic loss of life caused by the recent earthquake in Sichuan province.

For details on the activities taking place at the Pavilion, visit www.international.gc.ca/bccp-pcbc/index-eng.asp.

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332



Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Media Advisory

May 15, 2008
No. A/34

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, May 15, 2008, Lieutenant-Colonel Stéphane Lafaut, recently returned from a deployment as commanding officer of the Canadian Operational Mentor Liaison Teams in Kandahar province, will provide an on-the-record overview of his experience in helping to train Afghan National Security Forces.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: May 15, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

May 14, 2008
No. A/33

MINISTER EMERSON TO DELIVER SPEECH TO PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will deliver a speech to the Public Policy Forum in Ottawa on May 15, 2008.

The Public Policy Forum is hosting a conference entitled Canada and the European Union: Prospects for a Closer Economic Partnership. This two-day conference will bring together over 100 senior government officials, business leaders and academics to discuss the current status of, and the trends ahead for, the Canada-EU relationship.

Event: Speech
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2008
Time: 8:30 a.m. EDT
Location: The Westin Ottawa
11 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
(613) 992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

May 8, 2008
No. A/32

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, Canada's top civilian representative in Kandahar, Elissa Golberg, will provide an on-the-record overview of the challenges and opportunities facing Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: May 8, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:10 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

May 5, 2008
No. A/31

MINISTER EMERSON TO INTRODUCE IMPORTANT TRADE LEGISLATION

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will introduce important trade legislation today in the House of Commons.

Event: Media availability
Date: May 5, 2008
Time: 3:10 p.m. EDT (after legislation is tabled)
Location: Foyer of the House of Commons

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

May 2, 2008
No. A/30

**MINISTER BERNIER TO PRESENT HONORARY
CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR AUNG SAN SUU KYI**

On Monday May 5, 2008, the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will present the Certificate of Honorary Citizenship for Aung San Suu Kyi to her cousin, Sein Win, during a ceremony on Parliament Hill.

The October 16, 2007, Speech from the Throne stated that the government would "immediately call upon Parliament to confer honorary citizenship on Aung San Suu Kyi." A motion conferring this honorary citizenship was passed by the House of Commons with all-party agreement on October 17.

The presentation of this honorary Canadian citizenship is a testament to Canada's long-standing respect and admiration for Aung San Suu Kyi's tireless struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma.

Event: Ceremony and photo opportunity
Date: Monday, May 5, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. EDT
Location: Room 256-S, Centre Block
Parliament Hill
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

May 1, 2008
No. A/29

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, and Kai Eide, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Afghanistan, will provide an on-the-record overview of the challenges and opportunities facing both the Canadian and broader international mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: May 1, 2008
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 30, 2008

No. A/28

**MINISTER BERNIER TO DELIVER REMARKS ON BEHALF OF
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA DURING NATIONAL YOM HASHOAH
COMMEMORATION**

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will deliver remarks on behalf of the Government of Canada during a ceremony on Parliament Hill marking Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Event: Remarks
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008
Time: 3 p.m. EDT
Location: Parliament Hill
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 23, 2008
No. A/27

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, April 24, 2008, Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Arif Lalani, will provide an on-the-record overview of the challenges and opportunities facing Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 1:00 to 1:40 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

April 17, 2008
No. A/26

**PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY MENZIES TO MAKE IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CANADA-MONGOLIA RELATIONS**

Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, will make an important announcement highlighting Canada's close relations with Mongolia at the 18th annual general meeting of the North America-Mongolia Business Council in Calgary. The announcement is being made on behalf of the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade, and the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

This meeting is the largest yearly gathering in the western hemisphere of chief executive officers and other senior corporate officers of companies doing business in Mongolia.

Event: Speech / Photo opportunity
Date: Friday, April 18, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m. MDT
Location: Calgary Marriott
Kensington Room
110 9th Avenue S.E.
Calgary, Alberta

For more information, please contact:

Kimberly Roper
Office of Ted Menzies
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance
613-995-8471

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

April 17, 2008
No. A/25

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, April 17, 2008, Lt.-Col. Robert Chamberlain, who recently returned from a one-year deployment as Commanding Officer of Canada's Provincial Reconstruction Team in the province of Kandahar, will provide an on-the-record overview of the challenges and opportunities facing Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: April 17, 2008
Time: 3:00 to 3:40 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 16, 2008
No. A/24

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON THE NEW ORLEANS
NORTH AMERICAN LEADERS' SUMMIT**

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on Thursday, April 17, 2008, on the upcoming North American Leaders' Summit, which will take place in New Orleans on April 21 and 22, 2008.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for the leaders of Canada, Mexico and the United States to discuss key bilateral, North American and global issues.

Accredited media representatives interested in attending but unable to be in Ottawa should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register to participate in the event by teleconference.

Event: Technical briefing
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2008
Time: 16:00 p.m. EDT
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

April 15, 2008
No. A/23

**SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO TRAVEL TO INDIA TO BUILD ON STRONG
COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL AND SPORTING TIES**

The Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport), will visit New Delhi, India, on April 15 and 16 to strengthen commercial, political and sporting ties between Canada and India.

While in New Delhi, Secretary of State Guergis will meet with India's Minister of State for External Affairs Anand Sharma, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Manohar Singh Gill, and Minister of State for Industry Ashwini Kumar.

In addition, Secretary of State Guergis will deliver a keynote address to Indian and Canadian business executives. She will also host a round table of senior women entrepreneurs and the business community to discuss the evolving role and challenges facing women in India's growing economy.

For more information, please contact:

Blair MacLean
Director of Communications and Parliamentary Affairs
Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and
Secretary of State for Sport
613-992-4224

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 10, 2008
No. A/22

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, April 10, 2008, the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade, will provide an on-the-record overview of the future of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: April 10, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:10 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

April 8, 2008

No. A/21 - Modification (Location of event)

MINISTER BERNIER TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Mexican Secretary of External Affairs Patricia Espinosa in Washington on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

“Strong and productive relationships with our North American neighbours are essential for Canada’s future prosperity and Canadians’ quality of life,” said Minister Bernier. “We share key interests with Mexico and the United States and work with these countries on many levels to create a more competitive, dynamic and secure continent.”

Minister Bernier and secretaries Rice and Espinosa are meeting to discuss the upcoming North American Leaders’ Summit in New Orleans. As part of Canada’s re-engagement in the Americas, they are expected to discuss hemispheric issues and trilateral cooperation in the region. The upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and G8 summits are also expected to be on the agenda.

Event: Joint media availability
Date: April 8, 2008
Time: 10:05 a.m. EDT
Location: **Loy Henderson Auditorium**
U.S. State Department
Washington, D.C.

Media representatives interested in attending should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register. Only pre-registered media will be granted access to the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C.

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 7, 2008

No. A/21

MINISTER BERNIER TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Mexican Secretary of External Affairs Patricia Espinosa in Washington on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

"Strong and productive relationships with our North American neighbours are essential for Canada's future prosperity and Canadians' quality of life," said Minister Bernier. "We share key interests with Mexico and the United States and work with these countries on many levels to create a more competitive, dynamic and secure continent."

Minister Bernier and secretaries Rice and Espinosa are meeting to discuss the upcoming North American Leaders' Summit in New Orleans. As part of Canada's re-engagement in the Americas, they are expected to discuss hemispheric issues and trilateral cooperation in the region. The upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and G8 summits are also expected to be on the agenda.

Event: Joint media availability
Date: April 8, 2008
Time: 10:05 a.m. EDT
Location: Benjamin Franklin Room
U.S. State Department
Washington, D.C.

Media representatives interested in attending should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register. Only pre-registered media will be granted access to the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C.

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

April 5, 2008
No. A/20

**SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO ATTEND
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ANNUAL MEETING**

The Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport), will attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Miami from April 6 to 8, 2008, and will deliver the Canadian governor's address to plenary on April 7, 2008.

The IDB is the leading source of multilateral financing for economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Bank's Board of Governors, whose members are finance ministers or central bank presidents, meets once a year to review the IDB's operations and make major decisions on the institution's policies and programs.

More information is available on the IDB website at www.iadb.org.

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

**March 27, 2008
No. A/19**

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON PRIME MINISTER'S PARTICIPATION IN NATO SUMMIT
IN BUCHAREST, AND VISIT TO POLAND**

Senior government officials will hold a technical briefing on Thursday, March 27, 2008, on the Prime Minister's participation in the NATO Summit to be held in Bucharest, Romania, from April 2 to 4, 2008. The technical briefing will also cover the Prime Minister's visit to Poland from April 4 to 5, 2008.

Media representatives interested in attending but unable to be in Ottawa should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register to participate in the event by teleconference.

Event: Technical briefing
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2008
Time: 4:30 p.m. EDT
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 23, 2008
No. A/18

MINISTER BERNIER TO VISIT SUDAN

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will visit Sudan from March 25 to 28, 2008. The Minister will be accompanied by Parliamentary Secretary Deepak Obhrai.

Minister Bernier will meet senior government officials from both the Government of National Unity and the Government of Southern Sudan, urging them to address ongoing violence in Darfur, the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and human rights.

Minister Bernier will also meet with several representatives from the United Nations and the African Union, including those attached to peacekeeping missions in Sudan.

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 19, 2008

No. A/17

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, March 20, 2008, Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Arif Lalani, will provide an on-the-record overview, via teleconference from Kabul, about Canada's most recent diplomatic, development and security activities in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

For more information, please contact:

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: March 20, 2008
Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 17, 2008
No. A/16

MINISTER BERNIER TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT THE OAS

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will attend the plenary session of the 25th Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS) and deliver a statement at the plenary session today, Monday, March 17, 2008. Minister Bernier will then participate in a brief media availability.

Media representatives planning to cover the event should register with the Media Relations Office of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada before 11:00 a.m. More information is available on the OAS website at www.oas.org.

Event: Media availability
Date: Monday, March 17, 2008
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Guerrero Room, 2nd Floor
Main Building
Organization of American States
17th Street and Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, D.C.

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 13, 2008
No. A/15

MINISTER BERNIER TO DELIVER SPEECH ON CANADA IN THE AMERICAS

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will deliver a speech on the subject of Canada in the Americas to open a conference entitled "Canada and the Americas: Defining Re-engagement" organized by the Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL) and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL).

Media representatives wishing to attend should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register.

Event: Speech
Date: March 13, 2008
Time: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 11, 2008
No. A/14

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will provide an on-the-record overview of the recent meeting of NATO foreign ministers and an update on Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: March 12, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:10 p.m. EDT
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

March 7, 2008
No. A/13

**SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO DELIVER SPEECH AT INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE**

On Friday, March 7, 2008, the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport), will deliver a speech highlighting Canadian efforts aimed at promoting women's rights, accountable governance and economic opportunity for women in Afghanistan.

In keeping with International Women's Week, which will culminate in International Women's Day on March 8, Secretary of State Guergis will be joined at this event by the first-ever delegation of female parliamentarians visiting from Afghanistan.

Event: Speech / Photo opportunity
Date: March 7, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: International Development Research Centre
Hopper A Room, 8th Floor
Constitution Square
150 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and
Secretary of State for Sport
613-944-5377
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Isabelle Bourgeault-Tassé
International Development Research Centre
613-816-7620
lbougeault-tasse@idrc.ca
www.idrc.ca



Media Advisory

March 4, 2008
No. A/12

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport), will provide an on-the-record overview of Canada's support to women in Afghanistan.

Two female members of the Afghan National Assembly, part of the first-ever delegation of Afghan parliamentarians to visit Canada, will also deliver on-the-record remarks. There will then be a question-and-answer session with the Secretary of State and the Afghan parliamentarians.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Briefing (open to media only)
Date: March 5, 2008
Time: 3:30 to 4:10 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

March 1, 2008
No. A/11

SECRETARY OF STATE GUERGIS TO WELCOME DELEGATION OF AFGHAN WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

On Sunday, March 2, 2008, the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, accompanied by Afghanistan's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Omar Samad, will welcome a delegation of women members of the Afghan National Assembly on their arrival in Canada. The parliamentarians will take part in a week-long training program provided by the Parliamentary Centre and funded by the International Development Research Centre, with cooperation from the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy).

During their week-long stay the visitors will also meet with Canadian parliamentarians, government officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations to discuss the role they are playing in Afghanistan.

Canada continues to actively promote women's rights in Afghanistan through programming and training aimed at enhancing access to education, health care, the labour market and political life.

Event: Photo opportunity
Date: March 2, 2008
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: V.I.P. Room, Level 2
Macdonald-Cartier International Airport
Ottawa, Ontario

Due to security considerations, all photographers are asked to pre-register their attendance no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, by calling Lisa Monette, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, at 613-301-0796.

For more information, please contact:

Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and
Secretary of State for Sport
613-944-5377



www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Embassy of Afghanistan

613-878-4223

www.afghanemb-canada.net

Media Advisory

February 26, 2008

No. A/10

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Wednesday, February 27, 2008, the Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, and the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will provide on-the-record updates on Canadian diplomatic, development and defence activities in Afghanistan.

Senior representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government officials).

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: February 27, 2008
Time: 3:20 to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

February 21, 2008

No. A/9

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Friday, February 22, 2008, government officials will hold a technical briefing to provide an update on Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

Mr. Ron Hoffmann, Deputy Head of Mission in Kabul, will provide an on-the-record overview of diplomatic activities undertaken by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) staff in Kandahar and Kabul over the past several months.

Representatives from DFAIT, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of National Defence will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government official).

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: February 22, 2008
Time: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. EST
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

February 21, 2008

No. A/8

**MINISTER EMERSON TO SPEAK AT THE
CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR THE AMERICAS BRITISH COLUMBIA MEETING
IN VANCOUVER**

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will be the keynote speaker at the Canadian Council for the Americas British Columbia's "Commitment Lunch" on February 22, 2008, in Vancouver.

In his address, the Minister will outline Canada's strategy of re-engagement with the Americas, which is one of the government's top international priorities.

Event: Keynote speech
Date: Friday, February 22, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. PST
Location: Simon Fraser University
Segal Graduate School of Business
Conference Rooms 1200-1500
500 Granville Street
Vancouver, British Columbia

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Meahan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and
the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

February 15, 2008

No. A/7

MINISTER BERNIER TO VISIT COLOMBIA AND HAITI

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will travel to Colombia and Haiti from February 18 to 23, 2008, as part of Canada's re-engagement in the Americas.

From February 18 to 20, the Minister will visit Bogotá. There, he will meet with Colombian government leaders to discuss key bilateral and regional issues, including the growing trade between the two countries, and Canada's emphasis on freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Minister Bernier will travel to Haiti from February 20 to 23 to reinforce, at the highest level, Canada's continuing leadership in assistance to Haiti. This role is a key commitment in our re-engagement in the Americas.

Canada is making important contributions toward stabilization and reconstruction efforts in Haiti. During his visit the Minister will highlight the Government of Canada's support for the professionalization of the Haitian police force and strengthened capacity in border management.

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

February 13, 2008

No. A/6

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Thursday, February 14, 2008, government officials will hold a technical briefing to provide an update on Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

Lt.-Gen. Michel Gauthier, Commander Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, will provide an on-the-record statement on Canada's military contribution to the international mission in Afghanistan. This will be followed by an on-the-record presentation on operational security by Brig.-Gen. Peter Atkinson, Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff.

Representatives from the Canadian International Development Agency and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada will also be present during the briefing (not for cameras; attribution to senior government official).

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: February 14, 2008
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada

Media Advisory

February 6, 2008
No. A/5

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Wednesday, February 6, 2008, government officials will hold a technical briefing to provide an update on Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

In keeping with International Development Week, today's briefing will focus on Canada's development work in Afghanistan. The Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, will provide an on-the-record general overview of Canadian activities, make an announcement, and take media questions.

This will be followed by a presentation by a senior Canadian International Development Agency official (not for cameras; attribution to senior government official). Representatives from the Department of National Defence and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada will also be present during the briefing.

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: February 6, 2008
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Location: Auditorium
Library and Archives Canada
395 Wellington Street (at Bay)
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

January 25, 2008
No. A/4

**MINISTER EMERSON TO SIGN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA
AND EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION IN DAVOS, SWITZERLAND**

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will participate in a ceremony marking the signing of a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) on January 26, 2008, in Davos, Switzerland. This event follows the successful conclusion of negotiations between Canada and the EFTA announced on June 7, 2007.

The ceremony will include representatives from EFTA's four member countries: Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland. The event will be followed by a media availability.

During his two-day visit to Switzerland, Minister Emerson will also participate in a meeting of trade ministers to review the status of WTO negotiations and meet with several of his counterparts to discuss bilateral trade issues.

Event: Signing Ceremony and Media Availability
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. (local time)
Location: Arabella Sheraton Hotel Seehof
Wintergarten Palais
Promenade 159
Davos, Switzerland

For more information, please contact:

François Jubinville
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway
and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada



613-996-2000

www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

Media Advisory

January 14, 2008
No. A/3

TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON AFGHANISTAN

On Tuesday, January 15, 2008, government officials will hold a technical briefing to provide an update on Canada's activities in Afghanistan.

RCMP Chief Superintendent David Beer, Director General of International Policing, and Staff Sergeant Higgins Elliott, an RCMP officer working on the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, will be making statements and will be available to take questions.

Media representatives interested in attending but unable to be in Ottawa should contact the Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office at 613-995-1874 to register to participate in the event by teleconference.

Event: Technical briefing (open to media only)
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Time: 11:00 a.m. EST
Location: Cadieux Auditorium
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

For more information, please contact:

Foreign Affairs Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-995-1874
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

January 7, 2008

No. A/2 - Modification (website address)

MINISTER EMERSON TO HOLD MEDIA TELECONFERENCE

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will hold a media teleconference from Beijing, China, on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

Minister Emerson is in China, Mongolia and Hong Kong this week to pursue trade and investment opportunities. He is accompanied by James Moore, Parliamentary Secretary for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics.

Event: Media teleconference
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Time: 8 a.m. EST

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial:

North American Dial-In Number: 1-888-265-0464
International Dial-In Number: 613-954-4096
Teleconference ID number: 30231031

Please visit the following website for more information:

www.international.gc.ca/commerce/visit-visite/China-Chine/index.aspx.

For more information, please contact:

François Jubinville
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx



Media Advisory

January 4, 2008
No. A/1

MINISTER EMERSON DEPARTS FOR TRADE MISSION TO ASIA

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will meet with Chinese Consul General Qiang Yang and hold a photo opportunity at Vancouver International Airport in advance of his departure for China.

Mr. Emerson, accompanied by James Moore, Parliamentary Secretary for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will lead a trade mission to China, Mongolia and Hong Kong from January 7 to 11.

The trip will provide an opportunity for Canadian companies in Asia to pursue trade and investment opportunities, particularly in the air services field. For more information, visit www.international.gc.ca/commerce/visit-visite/China-Chine/index.aspx.

Event: Photo opportunity
Date: Saturday, January 5, 2008
Time: 10:30 a.m. PST
Location: Spirit of Haida Gwaii sculpture
Departures Level, International Terminal, Vancouver International Airport

For more information, please contact:

François Jubinville
Director of Communications
Office of the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
613-992-7332

Trade Media Relations Office
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
613-996-2000
www.international.gc.ca/index.aspx

