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THE UNITED NATIONS ISSUES OFFICIAL FORMS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST IRAQ ARISING FROM THE GULF WAR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that the United Nations Compensation Commission has issued the first series of official forms for claims against the Government of Iraq for losses arising from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The Commission has divided individual claims into the following categories:

Form A:

Individual claims for losses and damages suffered as a result of departure from Iraq or Kuwait between August 2, 1990, and March 2, 1991, of a fixed sum of US\$2,500 (or US\$4,000 if the claimant is not going to make a claim in any other category);

Form B:

Individual claims for serious personal injury or the loss of a family member, of a fixed sum of US\$2,500; and

Form C:

Individual claims up to US\$100,000 per person, comprising:

individual claims in excess of US\$2,500 for claims described in categories A and B;

- individual claims for damages, including mental pain and anguish, arising from an inability to return to Kuwait or Iraq, a decision not to return to Iraq or Kuwait, hostage-taking or other illegal detention;
- individual claims for mental pain and anguish associated with the personal injury of your spouse, child or parent; and
- individual claims for loss of personal property, such as clothing, personal effects and household furnishings, real property, bank accounts, stocks and other securities, income, unpaid salaries or support and individual business losses.

If individuals suffered losses greater than \$100,000, they may submit the additional amounts or the entire claim at a later date under separate procedures which have yet to be defined by the Commission. Further categories will also include compensation for the losses of corporations and for payments made by individuals to others -- for example, to employees or others pursuant to contractual obligations -- for losses arising directly from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Claim forms have already been sent to all known claimants. The forms must be filled out regardless of whether or not claimants have already registered their claims with External Affairs and International Trade Canada. After collecting the completed forms from claimants, the government will present a consolidated submission on behalf of Canadian citizens and permanent residents before the United Nations Compensation Commission. The forms should be returned to the following address by March 15, 1992:

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