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Canadian NATO Parliamentarians to Meet NAC, EU and NATO Top Officials in Brussels

13 February 2009 – A Canadian delegation including Ms. Cheryl Gallant, M.P., Ms. Lois Brown, M.P., Mr. John McKay, M.P., Mr. Claude Bachand, M.P., Senator Jane Cordy, Senator Joseph Day and Senator Pierre Claude Nolin, will be in Brussels from 15-18 February to discuss the Alliance's current political and security agenda in high level meetings with NATO and European Union civilian and military officials.

On Sunday, February 15, the delegation will be briefed, among others, by Martin Erdmann, NATO Assistant Secretary General and Head of Political Affairs and Security Policy; and Robert Simmons, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the Caucuses and Central Asia.

On Monday, February 16, the delegation will have a private breakfast meeting with Ambassador Robert McCrae, Canada's Permanent Representative to NATO; followed by briefings by Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee; and Ambassador Jiri Sedivy, Assistant Secretary General, NATO Defence Policy and Planning Division.

NATO Parliamentarians, including delegations from Canada and the United States, will hold their annual joint meeting with the Permanent Representatives to the North Atlantic Council (NAC) Monday afternoon at NATO headquarters.

On Tuesday, February 17, NATO parliamentarians will be briefed at the European Commission by the Hon. Joaquin Almunia, Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner and by David O'Sullivan, European Commission's Director General for Trade.

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