



Press Release

Clarification concerning the appointment of Reid Morden

Ottawa, June 7, 2005 – The Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar, headed by Mr. Justice Dennis O'Connor, announced yesterday the appointment of Mr. Reid Morden as Special advisor on National Security Confidentiality issues.

In making the announcement, the Commission wishes to emphasize that Mr. Morden's appointment does not interfere with his present responsibilities. It is important to note that the special advisor's work with the Commission is expected to be very limited until the fall at which time Mr. Morden's present duties with the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Iraq Oil-for-Food program will be nearly completed.

Established under Part I of the Inquiries Act, the Arar Inquiry was set up on the recommendation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to investigate and report on the actions of Canadian officials in relation to Maher Arar. The Commissioner is also mandated to make recommendations that he considers advisable on an arm's length review mechanism for the activities of the RCMP with respect to national security.

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