



## **Notice of Hearing on Standards of Conduct**

A hearing will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 and 8, 2009 at the Bytown Pavilion, 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, to receive submissions from the parties to the Inquiry concerning the standards that the Commissioner should apply in determining certain matters set out in paragraph (a) of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

The Terms of Reference require the Commissioner to address certain standards of conduct as set out in paragraph (a), questions 11, 12 and 13 of the Terms of Reference, which read as follows:

11. Were these business and financial dealings appropriate considering the position of Mr. Mulroney as a current or former prime minister and Member of Parliament?
12. Was there appropriate disclosure and reporting of the dealings and payments?
13. Were there ethical rules or guidelines which related to these business and financial dealings? Were they followed?

Question 13 requires the Commissioner to make a finding whether there were "ethical rules and guidelines" which related to the business and financial dealings and, if so, whether they were followed. The Commissioner will be receiving evidence on these matters at the hearing in Part I, which is tentatively scheduled to start on February 9, 2009.

The Commissioner must also assess whether the business and financial dealings were "appropriate", considering Mr. Mulroney's position as a current or former prime minister or Member of Parliament. The Commissioner must determine as well whether there was "appropriate" disclosure and reporting of the dealings and payments. The Commissioner will be required to identify the applicable norms and standards in interpreting whether Mr. Mulroney's conduct was "appropriate" in the circumstances. Submissions are requested from the participants concerning the question of what "appropriate" means in the context of the terms of reference, questions 11 and 12.

Participants who wish to make oral submissions at the hearing to be held on January 7 and 8, 2009 must, by no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, December 5, 2008, submit by e-mail to the Inquiry, at **[inquiry.admin@oliphantcommission.ca](mailto:inquiry.admin@oliphantcommission.ca)**, and serve on other participants a written outline of their submissions. Participants who wish to respond in writing to other participants' outlines may do so, by e-mail to the Inquiry and to other participants, no later than 12:00 noon EST on Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Following receipt of the written submissions, the Commissioner will issue a directive allocating time for oral submissions to each participant who has made written submissions.

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