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BRIEFING FOR DS MLG VISIT TO OTTAWA, MAY 2011**

- In April this year we sought an update from Canadian officials regarding their detainee monitoring regime after Canada's military exit. The official exit is scheduled to start from July, although the Canadian Government has announced that a substantial training mission will be deployed from 2011-2014, of up to 950 military trainers and support personnel.

PSR(C)1, PSR(IC)4

- We would welcome an update from Canada on this. PSR(C)1, PSR(IC)4

- You might like to update the Canadians on New Zealand's monitoring arrangements (following the detainment of a mid-level Taliban commander in January this year, now in the joint US-Afghan detention facility in Parwan). A designated New Zealand representative is to conduct regular monitoring visits, initially by travelling to the detention facility every month (with the frequency to be adjusted if conditions are found to be acceptable). An NZDF legal staff officer is deployed in Kabul for this purpose. Oversight of this monitoring regime rests with the New Zealand Ambassador in Kabul.

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