



## Media Advisory

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#### **Commission to Address Procedural Issues Prior to Afghan Detainee Hearings**

OTTAWA, December 2, 2008 –The Chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission (MPCC), Peter A. Tinsley, will address procedural issues related to upcoming public interest hearings into complaints about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

The procedural overview, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008, will provide legal counsel for the various parties with guidance on procedure, timelines for preliminary motions, and timelines for the calling of evidence. This session will not involve any witness testimony nor tabling of evidence.

The public interest hearings are expected to begin in February. The hearings will investigate allegations that Canadian military police transferred detainees to Afghan authorities, or allowed them to be transferred, notwithstanding evidence the detainees could face torture. It has been further alleged that the military police failed to investigate certain senior officers in the chain of command who had responsibility for directing the transfer of detainees to the Afghan authorities in the face of a known risk of torture.

#### Details

**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approximate)  
**Location:** **Standard Life Centre**  
333 Laurier Avenue West, 18th Floor  
Hearing Room #1  
**Media Availability:** 12:00 p.m. (approximate, following conclusion of the session)  
Lounge area (outside Hearing Room #1)  
**Spokesperson:** Commission Counsel, Freya Kristjanson

This session is open to the media. Videographers and photographers will be permitted to move around the Hearing Room until the Commission Chair calls the session to order.

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