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Commission to Resume Hearings into Allegations Regarding Afghan Detainees

OTTAWA, October 13th, 2009 – The Chairperson of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Peter A. Tinsley, will call to order the Public Interest Hearings related to complaints about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

The panel will render its decision on three motions to adjourn the hearings brought by counsel representing the subjects of the complaints. Five motions or submission remain to be heard by the panel before evidence will be called. No witnesses will be called on October 14th.

The hearings focus on allegations that certain members of the military police failed to investigate senior officers in the chain of command who had responsibility for directing the transfer of detainees to the Afghan authorities, allegedly in the face of the risk of torture.

Details

- Date:** Wednesday, October 14th, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Asticou Center
241, Boulevard Cité des Jeunes, Gatineau, Quebec
Block 2600, Hearing Room #2601
Hearing Room: **Main Entrance (block 2700)**
Media Availability: Room # 2619 (outside Hearing Room #2601)
(Following conclusion of the daily sessions)
Spokesperson: The Commission Counsel, Freya Kristjanson, will be available, upon request, to answer questions about the Commission or other procedural matters.

This session is open to the media. Videographers and photographers will be permitted to move around the Hearing Room until the Commission Chairperson calls the session to order. Reserved seating for members of the media will be limited to the first three rows on the right hand side of the room. Media identification is required and must be displayed at all times. All non-government employees must be registered at the Main entrance (block 2700) and must be escorted at all times. Additional information will be provided regarding media coverage at the hearing.

Transcripts of the hearing will be available through the Commission.

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