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Commission announces Acting Chairperson joins the panel for Public Interest Hearings

OTTAWA, February 23, 2010 – The Military Police Complaints Commission would like to officially announce that Glenn Stannard, Acting Chairperson, will join Roy Berlinquette on the panel for the Public Interest Hearings related to a complaint about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

The Commission is receiving the necessary documentation to proceed with the hearings and will proceed as planned. The hearings will resume on Wednesday March 24th, 2010. The Commission will initially hear motions and submissions from the Parties and issue rulings as necessary. The Commission anticipates it will then begin to hear evidence from the witnesses in the week of April 5, 2010. A list of the witnesses to appear before the Panel and a schedule of the hearings will be available as we get closer to the hearings.

The hearings focus on allegations that certain members of the military police failed to investigate potential offences which may have resulted from the transfer of detainees to the Afghan authorities, allegedly in the face of a risk of torture.

Details

- Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Military Police Complaints Commission
270 Albert Street, 10th Floor
Hearing Room: **Conference Room (10th Floor)**
Media Availability: 10th Floor lobby (Following conclusion of the daily sessions)
Spokesperson: A Commission spokesperson 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 panel members call the session to order. Reserved seating for members of the media will be limited; it is recommended that those wishing to attend reserve the seats prior to the hearings. Media identification is required and must be displayed 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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