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## OLYMPIC SECURITY (NUCLEAR VULNERABILITY)

For the Minister

### PURPOSE:

To provide information on the Canada Border Services Agency's (CBSA) detection technology program in place to prevent the smuggling of illicit radiological and nuclear materials into Canada, and to ensure the highest level of security possible for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### ISSUE:

Questions have also been raised regarding the possibility that a terrorist group could exploit the movement of such containers through the port of Vancouver during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### BACKGROUND:

The CBSA manages a sophisticated and multi-layered approach to mitigate national security and terrorism related threats posed to Canada in the marine container mode.

The first part of this approach involves an in-depth risk assessment of all marine containers prior to their departure to Canada to identify potential national security threats, including possible shipments of illicit radioactive material. This pre-screening, known as Tier 1 targeting, requires marine carriers and freight forwarders to electronically transmit cargo data to the CBSA 24 hours prior to loading a container at a foreign seaport.

The second layer involves the use of several types of "state-of-the art" technologies to detect and prevent the smuggling of illicit radiological and nuclear materials once the containers have arrived in Canada. Once the containers are offloaded at Canadian seaports, the CBSA uses radiation portal detectors that are positioned on the docks to screen all containers before they enter the country. Dockside positioning of this technology ensures early and all-inclusive

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screening with minimal disruption to terminal operations and little impact on the economy of Canada.

In addition to the portals, the CBSA also uses a vehicle-mounted detector to provide secondary scanning of containers that have triggered portal alarms. This allows the CBSA to conduct a more in-depth analysis of the container to identify specific radioactive isotopes and determine the appropriate level of response. Where space limitations preclude the operation of a vehicle, hand-held radioactive isotope identification devices are employed as secondary tools and can also be used in air cargo or highway commercial operations. The information gathered by the secondary devices is communicated to an off-site Senior Radiation Safety Officer who offers real-time support and advice to Border Services Officers regarding the nature of the radiation detected.

#### **STATUS OF OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC PREPARATIONS:**

The CBSA has been actively involved in preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games over the course of the last few years, analyzing requirements and creating or building on the capacities required to facilitate and secure Canadian ports of entry. The CBSA formed an Olympic and Paralympic Task Force to oversee such preparation details, and the senior management team is confident that the Agency is in a position to meet its security mandate for the Games, including its preparedness for potential terrorism related threats.

CBSA intelligence representatives continue to work with their partners in other departments to monitor ongoing threat assessments to determine the overall risk for the Games

the CBSA has developed contingency plans to be in a strong position to effectively react to and address possible threats leading up to and during the Games. These plans are based on leveraging existing programs and detection technology being used today to detect possible shipments of dangerous goods. Specific aspects of these plans include the deployment of additional detection technology to any impacted ports of entry, as well as increased training and maintenance of this equipment during the Games.

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**NEXT STEPS:**

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The CBSA will continue to monitor the overall threat level for the Games and will continue to conduct extensive pre-screening and examinations on marine containers destined for Canada.

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Stephen Rigby  
President, Canada Border Services Agency

**UPDATE ON THE SECURITY PREPARATIONS FOR THE  
2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

**ISSUE**

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- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is playing an important role in the Government of Canada's (GoC) integrated efforts to ensure the highest level of security possible for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games ("the Games").
- The CBSA is in the final stages of preparing strategies to ensure it is prepared to fulfill its security responsibilities during the Games.
- CBSA officials continue to work closely with their counterparts at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and other government departments on a variety of security related objectives and planning details.

**BACKGROUND**

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- The CBSA has been preparing for the Games for over two years, analyzing our requirements and building capacities required to facilitate and secure our ports of entry. The Olympic and Paralympic Task Force (Task Force) will ensure we are in a position to meet our security mandate for the Games.
- The CBSA fully supports the RCMP in the overall security planning via its membership on various interdepartmental RCMP-led security committees (e.g., aviation security steering committee, marine & the surface security steering committee and the federal cluster groups) and bilaterally on specific issues.
- The Task Force has drafted a comprehensive Enforcement Strategy which outlines the CBSA's security objectives and key activities for the Games. The strategy outlines the various enforcement, intelligence and security requirements of critical program areas within the CBSA and details their key activities, deliverables and risk analysis approach required for a successful security strategy of the Games.

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- The Task Force, in partnership with the Enforcement Branch, has finalized strategies specifically for detection technology and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) detection and prevention. In collaboration with these strategies, the Enforcement Branch has developed a plan that will support Port of Entry enforcement activities by providing increased training, maintenance and support for a variety of contraband and CBRNE detection tools during the Games. As well, a coordinated effort will ensure detection tools are appropriately deployed to ensure maximum coverage and utilization and a risk management process will be utilized to redeploy equipment should threat levels increase.
- In addition, the CBSA has recently finalized the leasing of a vessel to augment the rummage capabilities of Vancouver Marine Operations. This initiative will provide a suitable "water taxi" to transport border services officers (BSOs) and equipment in order to board and search vessels at anchorage.
- The CBSA has also recently agreed to "loaning" two mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (VACIS™) systems and the required BSOs to operate these systems to the RCMP to assist in venue security for the Games. These systems and personnel will work with the RCMP to examine vehicles and cargo entering key venue sites. The RCMP has agreed to fund all costs associated with this agreement and the two agencies are currently in the process of working out the logistics.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

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- The CBSA will continue to refine operational plans based on a consistent and integrated approach that involves a common security objective.
- The CBSA, through its internal intelligence program and links to broader GoC threat assessment process, will continue to monitor the threat levels associated with the Games to determine if the current threat level changes.
- The CBSA is committed to and will continue to work closely with the RCMP and other federal government departments to ensure the safety and security of Canada and the Games.



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**SCENARIO NOTE FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER'S SECURITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

For the Executive Vice-President

**PURPOSE:**

To prepare CBSA Senior Management for the February 5, 2010 Deputy Minister's Security Advisory Committee on the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games ("the Games").

**ISSUE:**

- The next Deputy Minister's Security Advisory Committee for the Games will be held on February 5, 2010. This standing committee provides senior level guidance to support a coordinated approach to Government of Canada preparations for this major event.
- This meeting will involve presentations, discussions and updates on planning activities for the Games.
- The attached information has been prepared for your reference leading up to this meeting and provides an overview of the measures that the CBSA is putting in place to ensure we are appropriately prepared for this event.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Olympic Winter Games will take place from February 12 to 28, 2010 and the Paralympic Winter Games will be held from March 12 to 21, 2010. The CBSA has been preparing for the Games for over three years, analyzing its requirements and building the capacities required to provide efficient border processes that facilitates low-risk travellers and goods while ensuring effective law enforcement and security.

**STATUS:**

Comprehensive assessment of business requirements and the development of operational plans have been completed and are currently being implemented in three tiers: National Strategies, Regional Operational Plans, and Local Contingency Plans. The following outlines specific measures the CBSA is taking to achieve an overall state of readiness.

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- In consultation with the RCMP and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, we have developed an Accreditation Program. This program allows the CBSA to pre-screen all foreign nationals (Olympic and Paralympic Family and Work Force categories), allowing for a risk based facilitated and arrival process. To date, approximately 43,554 individuals have been processed.
- We are well positioned to ensure efficient port of entry processing to facilitate low-risk travelers and goods entering Canada prior to and during the Games. Our primary inspection lines at certain key locations in the Pacific Region have open to full capacity with approximately 100 border services officers (49 of which are bilingual) who started to arrive in Vancouver on January 25, 2010.
- The CBSA has invested in enhanced information technology support to ensure affected CBSA sites are configured for maximum efficiency during the Games. An agreement has been reached with the Canada Revenue Agency to ensure optimal service to its infrastructure throughout the Games including additional tactical resources which are currently in place.
- Strategies for detection technology and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive detection and prevention have been completed. Increased training, maintenance and support, including the deployment of equipment, are in place.
- In an effort to ramp-up operational capacities of our marine enforcement teams, we now have in place another vessel within Vancouver Marine Operations to serve as a "water taxi" to transport officers and equipment in order to board and search more vessels at anchorage. In addition, the CBSA is loaning two mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Systems and the required resources to the RCMP to assist in venue security for the Games.
- The CBSA continues to collaborate with the law enforcement and intelligence community, both domestically and internationally, to assess threats and disseminate tactical intelligence to effectively prepare for and respond to unforeseen events and emergencies.
- **On February 1, 2010 the CBSA implemented a state of heightened vigilance at our air operations. This decision was a result of increased concerns following the attempted terrorist attack on the U.S. on December 25, 2009. the CBSA is reminding frontline officers to stay vigilant and ensure thorough risk assessment and secondary examinations continue during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.**

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**NEXT STEPS:**

Our plans have now all been implemented and the CBSA is in full delivery, reporting and command / control mode.

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The CBSA will implement 24/7 hour emergency operations and reporting centres for the Games in both the Pacific Region and in Ottawa on February 8, 2010.



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