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Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians Contributes to Haiti Disaster Relief

OTTAWA, January 21, 2010 — The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians (CAFP), through its Educational Foundation, will contribute to the disaster relief effort in Haiti. CAFP will donate \$5,000 immediately and will match dollar for dollar individual contributions made by its members, who are former Members of the Senate of Canada and the House of Commons, up to an additional \$5,000.

The announcement was made jointly today by CAFP President, Leo Duguay, and by the President of the Educational Foundation, Francis LeBlanc.

“Our members, along with other Canadians, empathize with the terrible plight which our friends in Haiti are going through at this time and want to help,” Mr. Duguay said. “Indeed, many of our members, during their careers in Parliament and afterwards, have been personally involved in the ongoing efforts of Canada to assist Haiti with its development. We want to be there for Haiti as it rebuilds from this tragedy.”

The Educational Foundation has chosen to make its \$5,000 donation to the Humanitarian Coalition, (<http://www.thehumanitariancoalition.ca>) in support of the Haitian Earthquake relief effort. Former parliamentarians, however, are free to donate to the Canadian registered charity of their choice, provided these funds are directed as well to the Earthquake relief effort in Haiti. They should then forward to the CAFP office a confirmation receipt of their donation and a matching donation from the Educational Foundation will be made to that registered charity in their name, until the additional \$5,000 is reached. This offer will end on February 26, 2010.

“The Educational Foundation of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians exists to support democratic development in Canada and internationally, and to provide means through which former parliamentarians can contribute their experience and talents to creating a better world,” said Francis LeBlanc. “What the Haitian people need right now is our help to recover from this terrible disaster, so they can renew their efforts to build a stable democracy in their country. We want to help.”

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