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Parliamentary Antisemitism Inquiry announces Denis MacShane, Gert Weisskirchen & Charles Small to appear at first hearing.

Hearings will begin November 2nd

(Ottawa – October 8th, 2009)

International Parliamentarians will serve as the first witnesses in the Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism in Canada. The Rt. Hon. Dr. Denis MacShane led the world's first Parliamentary hearing which took place in London in 2005. Prof. Gert Weisskirchen served as a member of the German Bundestag from 1976 until 2009. Both are members of the International Steering Committee of the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism. The committee looks forward to their testimony along with the testimony of other international scholars and experts.

“Antisemitism is a global problem,” said CPCCA Inquiry Panel Chair Mario Silva, “we are not the first country to conduct an inquiry into domestic antisemitism, and we hope to encourage other countries to follow suit.”

“We hope that Dr. MacShane and Prof. Weisskirchen can provide the Panel with testimony that will put the problem of international antisemitism into context, and provide us with insight into how the recommendations made in their own countries might be applicable here.” said CPCCA Steering Committee Chair, Scott Reid.

The coalition had to push back the original start date of its hearings by one week in order to accommodate the schedules of the three international individuals to appear in Ottawa at the first hearing. Dr. Charles Small, Director of the Yale initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism will also be in Ottawa for the hearing.

For a complete list of witnesses, dates and locations of hearings visit the Coalition's website at www.cpcca.ca/hearings.