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TRANSPORT MINISTER LIFTS REMAINING PROHIBITIONS ON CANADIAN PASSENGER AIR TRAVEL

OTTAWA — Transport Minister David Collenette today announced that he has removed the remaining restrictions placed on passenger air travel in Canada on Tuesday following the attacks in the United States. These include international, transborder and private flights, effective today at 11:00 am (EST). Restrictions on cargo remain in effect at this time.

"While most restrictions put in place on Tuesday have been removed, it is important that Canadian travellers realize that it could take considerable time for flight schedules to get back to normal," said Mr. Collenette. "This is especially true for transborder flights into the United States."

"Canadian air travellers, at home and abroad, should ensure that they have confirmed with their airline a seat on their flight before proceeding to airports."

"Canadian airports will continue to operate under heightened security," added Mr. Collenette. "These heightened security measures include increased police presence at major airports, increased passenger screening and enhanced security procedures, including more hand searches of baggage."

These heightened security measures will cause delays at major Canadian airports. The measures will remain in force until further notice. Travellers are also reminded not to bring wrapped gifts on passenger flights and to bring photo identity with them to the airport.

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