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Mr. Kelly McCauley,
Chair, Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
House of Commons

Dear Mr. McCauley,

I am pleased to provide the initial response from National Defence to the Motion to Produce Papers adopted by the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) on October 6, 2022.

As communicated to the Clerk of OGGO in a letter from Global Affairs Canada on October 26, 2022, in both official languages, we are providing an initial list and description of invoices associated with the Governor General's visit to the Middle East in March 2022 (Annex A). The complex nature of the requested documents and limited capacity of the translation bureau at Public Services Procurement Canada posed challenges in delivering the final document package in both official languages by October 31. We will provide the invoices themselves no later than November 30, 2022, in both French and English.

The invoices listed in Annex A provide an overview of all costs incurred and invoices paid by the Department of National Defence in association with the March 2022 trip noted above.

Providing the Committee with a full response to its October 6th motion remains a top priority, and we appreciate the Committee's understanding. Further, departmental officials remain available to appear before the committee regarding these documents.

National Defence remains at the ready to continue to assist the Committee with its work on this study.

Sincerely,

Bill Matthews
Deputy Minister of National Defence

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