



## MEDIA ADVISORY

# Speakers of the Lower Houses of the G7 meet in Halifax

*Halifax, Nova Scotia – September 6, 2018*

The Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, is hosting the 16th Meeting of the Speakers of the Lower Houses of the G7, which will begin with a welcome reception this evening and run until Saturday, September 8.

The theme of this year's gathering is "Parliamentary Oversight and National Security." A number of business sessions, meetings, and visits are planned, including a visit by the presiding officers to the prestigious Ocean Frontier Institute at Dalhousie University.

"I am proud to welcome my G7 counterparts to the beautiful province of Nova Scotia for this meeting and I look forward to engaging in important discussions with them," said this year's host, Speaker Regan.

The following presiding officers or their delegates will join Speaker Regan in Halifax:

- **Her Excellency Carole Bureau-Bonnard**, First Vice-President of the National Assembly (France)
- **Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble**, President of the Bundestag (Germany)
- **Mr. Roberto Fico**, President of the Chamber of Deputies (Italy)
- **Mr. Tadamori Oshima**, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Japan)
- **The Right Honourable John Bercow**, M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons (United Kingdom)
- **Mr. Ed Royce**, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (United States)

The Meeting of the Speakers of the Lower House of the G7 is part of a series of meetings that Canada is hosting and organizing as part of its G7 presidency this year.

Media are invited to register at the G7 Registration and Information Desk as of 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7. The Belleisle 1 room will be available to them. Note that a news conference with Speaker Regan and the presiding officers will be held at 12:15 p.m.; please call 613-992-5042 to confirm your attendance.

## Quick facts

- This year's meeting will mark the third meeting of presiding officers attended by Speaker Regan or his delegate.
- The first-ever meeting was held in Canada. It was hosted by former speaker Peter Milliken.
- The members of the G7 are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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## Program highlights

### Thursday, September 6

7:00 p.m.

**Welcome dinner reception** (closed to media)

Hosted by the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons

**Location:** Government House

### Friday, September 7

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Opening session** (open to media)

- Indigenous blessing
- Welcoming remarks by the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons
- Official photograph of presiding officers

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Plenary meeting** (closed to media)

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**News conference** with speakers and/or their delegates

**Location:** Georgian Lounge

Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites

*Media are asked to confirm their attendance so that arrangements can be made: 613-992-5042*

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Visit** to Ocean Frontier Institute, Dalhousie University (official photographers only)

7:00 p.m.

**Dinner** (closed to media)

Hosted by the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons

**Location:** Pier 21 National Historic Site, Canadian Museum of Immigration

## Saturday, September 8

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Breakfast** (closed to media)

Hosted by the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, for heads of delegation

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Bilateral and plenary meetings** (closed to media)

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Visit** to Peggy's Cove (official photographers only)