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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt

The Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi, will make an official visit to Australia from 13th to 17th January at the invitation of the Australian Government. She will visit Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne. Details of her programme will be announced later.

There will be general pleasure in Australia that Mrs Gandhi is coming to this country. She represents a great people and nation - one of the most populous nations in the world. Australia attaches high importance to its relations with India and to co-operation between the two countries, and Mrs Gandhi will find warm friendship here among the Australian Government and people. I hope that during her visit she will be able to meet a wide range of Australians in official and private circles. My colleagues and I are looking forward to a valuable exchange of ideas.

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