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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND**

Mr. Philip M. Spicer, Chairman of Central Fund of Canada Limited, announced that the Board of Directors have declared Central's annual dividend of 1 cent (U.S.) per Class A share on the outstanding Class A shares of Central Fund of Canada Limited. Mr. Spicer indicated that the dividend is payable on November 10, 2005 to Class A shareholders of record on October 31, 2005 with ex-dividend date of October 27, 2005.

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