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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, 2004 to Class A shareholders of record on October 29, 2004 with ex-dividend date of October 27, 2004.

For further information, please call Mr. J.C. Stefan Spicer, President at (905) 648-7878.