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Dear friends, chers amis,

Cette année, nous avons la chance de marquer l'occasion du 150e anniversaire du Canada. These celebrations have also offered Canadians the opportunity to take a look at our history and those things that have contributed to making Canada the place it is today. Finns are celebrating 2017 as well, as the Republic of Finland marks **100 years of independence**. En plus, nous célébrons 70 ans de relations diplomatiques bilatérales.

Nous avons le plaisir de célébrer cette année jubilaire avec nos partenaires finlandais. Our work with the Finnish-Canadian community and stakeholders in both countries led to the release of a commemorative book, **Canada-Finland: Celebrating 2017**, which will be a lasting account of our shared history. The book is a compilation of contributions from Canadians and Finns, including a **foreword from historian Margaret MacMillan**. It is an account of our history through early contacts, migration, commercial, cultural and political ties. Today, Canada and Finland still have much in common – two bilingual nations with a strong focus on the environment and the Arctic, our cultural exchange in literature and the arts, a passion for winter sports and an understanding of living next to big neighbours. La communauté finno-canadienne reste active au Canada et comprend une population **de plus de 136 000** canadiens d'origines finlandaises.

Considering **the importance of libraries in Canada and Finland**, we have decided to distribute the limited copies of the book to libraries in both countries. J'espère que vous soutiendrez ce projet de distribution en ajoutant notre livre commémoratif à votre collection.

Please do feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback you may have at hsnki@international.gc.ca. L'équipe de l'Ambassade reste à votre disposition pour toute question supplémentaire. Nous tenons à vous remercier de votre soutien à l'avance.

Kind regards,
Cordialement,

Andrée N. Cooligan
Ambassador of Canada to Finland
Ambassadrice du Canada en Finlande

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