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Dear Participants,

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 1991 consultations on human rights issues in preparation for the 47th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Canada will continue to take a leading role in the advancing of several thematic and country issues, as it has done since resumption of full membership in the Commission at the 45th session. The views of the NGO community are especially significant in these times of rapid change in the world community, when dramatic advances in human rights in some parts of the world must not eclipse ongoing abuses in others.

I attach a great deal of importance to these annual consultations. Officers of External Affairs and International Trade Canada derive great benefit from discussions held with Canadian groups on international human rights issues. The January consultations provide the basis for ongoing cooperation and discussions throughout the rest of the year.

I look forward to your participation in these consultations.

Yours sincerely,

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