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Dear Participants,

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 1990 consultations on human rights issues in preparation for the 46th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

These consultations are particularly significant because they are the first held since Canada resumed full membership on the Commission at the 45th session. Canada was very active at the last session of the Commission and will be so again at the 46th session from January to March, 1990. Canada will continue to take a leading role on several thematic and country issues.

I attach a great deal of importance to these annual consultations. Officers of the Department of External Affairs 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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