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Dear Participants:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to convey these words of welcome on the occasion of the annual consultations in preparation for the Commission on Human Rights. I attach great importance to these meetings as a means of intensifying the dialogue between government and non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights.

The Canadian delegates to the Commission on Human rights will be charged with three principal objectives. First, they are to express Canadian concern that human rights be promoted and protected internationally as a legitimate and valued subject of discussion and action. Second, they are to continue to build on the foundations of earlier meetings in securing passage of strong texts on specific country situations and on the procedures of the United Nations system designed to promote human rights. Third, they are to promote a series of explicitly Canadian initiatives in such areas as the right to promote human rights, mass exoduses and human rights, the rights of minorities and freedom from religious intolerance.

This information book is designed to provide information on the work of the Commission, as well as materials on recent government policy in the field of human rights. We welcome your comments and your participation in this consultative process. I trust that these consultations will prove mutually beneficial, and I look forward with interest to future meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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