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Statement from the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants on recent changes to medical inadmissibility rules for immigration

Toronto – Today the president of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), Donald Igbokwe, issued the following statement commending the Government of Canada for the recently announced changes to medical inadmissibility policies around immigration.

“On behalf of CAPIC members (Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants), I applaud Minister Hussen and the Government of Canada for the positive changes announced with respect to Canada’s rules regarding medical inadmissibility for immigration. These changes were long-overdue and should significantly reduce the number of medical inadmissibility cases in Canada.

For too long, many of those seeking to come to Canada faced potential obstacles if they or an accompanying dependent were deemed to have a health condition that would lead to a certain level of health or social services costs. Not only was this threshold set far too low, but it has historically been applied to special education services for children, a practice that does not align with Canadian values around inclusivity for persons with disabilities.

We support the recommendation of Parliament’s Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration to abolish the medical inadmissibility clause from the Immigration and Refugee and Protection Act and welcome this major step in that direction. With the tripling of the cost threshold and the removal of certain social services from consideration, these upcoming policy changes will result in the admission of people with disabilities.

CAPIC thanks Minister Hussen, the Government of Canada, and all Members of Parliament who worked hard over the last few years to make Canada’s immigration system more inclusive.”

About CAPIC:

Created in December 2004, the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is the national advocacy group for Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs), founded on the pillars of education, information, lobbying, and recognition. Its mission is to lead, connect, protect, and develop the profession, serving the best interests of its members.

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