

The Honourable Mélanie Joly  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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**RE: The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) Congratulates Mélanie Joly retaining as the Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Dear Minister Joly:

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I would like to extend sincere congratulations to you on your continuation as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. We look forward to working with you and your team.

CAPIC is a major stakeholder in immigration and citizenship policy development. Our organization represents nearly 5000 immigration and citizenship consultants who assist newcomers to work, study, visit, or move to Canada. CAPIC has forged and maintained strong relationships with all tiers of government and has been formally recognized as the leader of, and advocate for, immigration and citizenship consultants and the immigration consulting profession.

While immigration is a fundamental component of Canadian identity and a vital part of the country's economy, unauthorized practitioners (UAPs) outside Canada have been penetrating Canada's immigration system and troubling the [integrity](#) of the system. Furthermore, foreign governments, at times, with good intentions, may [misinterpret](#) the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, SC 2001, c. 27 and its Regulations. CAPIC believes that our organization can work with you and your team to seek remedies to these issues.

Congratulations again, and we wish you continued success in your role as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Sincerely,

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