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**CAPIC meets with the Minister of
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**

May 27, 2020 – CAPIC met with The Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P., Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Today's teleconference marks CAPIC's first official meeting with the newly appointed Minister.

Discussed agenda items included CAPIC's Policy Position white paper on ['The Use of Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Canadian Immigration'](#); the current and potential impact of COVID-19 on international students; the Education Partner Program (EPP); and the regulator transition from ICCRC to College.

Lulwa Al Hidiq, CAPIC Chair stated, *"We discussed our Policy Position and how AI will impact the future of immigration in Canada. Minister Mendicino acknowledged our recommendations and highlighted that immigration is an economic driver for Canada, where AI plays a vital role in streamlining the processing of immigration applications."*

With regards to international students, Minister Mendicino acknowledged the importance of international students in Canada and was concerned about the unscrupulous advice given to these students by unauthorized agents. The Minister is looking to further address these issues with CAPIC in the short term, as we propose means that can help ensure these students are receiving professional advice.

As a recognized partner and collaborator of the IRCC, CAPIC has a strong voice with policy change in immigration and citizenship portfolios.

"This is the first of many thoughtful conversations to come with Minister Mendicino", says CAPIC CEO, Dory Jade. "Although COVID-19 has turned the entire globe upside down, generating many immigration challenges, our Minister is hard at work planning with new parameters to reach Canada's annual immigration targets."

Jade concludes, *"The new College is one of the Minister's priorities. We anticipate the proclamation of the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants in the near term, so stay tuned."*

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