



September 20, 2012

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of Health
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Aglukkaq,

Re: Follow-up to the United Nations Non-Communicable Diseases Summit

On behalf of the Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC), we would like to thank you again for including CDPAC as a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations (UN) Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Summit, held in New York City last September. CDPAC commends the Government of Canada for endorsing the UN NCD Political Declaration, this being one element of a global commitment to galvanize action against the growing threat of chronic diseases to world health and to national economies.

As with other nations, it is in Canada's national and global interest to take effective action to reduce chronic disease risk factors. We applaud the Government of Canada's lead role in the development of the proposed target of reducing premature mortality from NCDs by 25% by 2025 (25/25).

CDPAC understands that Canada is working with other member states on the development of a suite of specific targets and indicators by which progress towards the achievement of this goal can be assessed. We urge the Government of Canada to support the adoption of a comprehensive list of targets and indicators that address the four risk factors identified in the Political Declaration.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you in the coming months to discuss the next steps on the UN Declaration and CDPAC's role in this initiative. We will be in touch with your office in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Ida Thomas
Chair

Handwritten signature of Mary Collins in black ink.

Hon. Mary Collins, P.C.
Chair Elect

cc: Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer
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The Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC) is an alliance of national organizations sharing a common vision for an integrated system of research, surveillance, policies, and programs for maintaining health and prevention of chronic disease in Canada.