



September 26, 2011

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq  
Federal Minister of Health  
Minister's Office  
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Ottawa, Ontario  
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**Re: *United Nations Non-Communicable Diseases Summit New York City, 19-20  
September 2011***

Dear Honourable Minister,

On behalf of the Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC), I would like to thank you for inviting me to be part of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations (UN) Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Summit, held in New York City on September 19-20, 2011. It was an honour and a privilege to meet with you and other delegation members prior to and during the Summit, and to participate in the sessions.

CDPAC commends the Government of Canada for the pan-Canadian consultative process it undertook in preparation for the Summit, and for having endorsed the UN Declaration as part 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 imperative that Canada take effective action to reduce its risk factors for chronic disease, in particular tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diets and the harmful use of alcohol. CDPAC would be pleased to offer itself to you as a resource to help mobilize and coordinate integrated action by governments and other stakeholders to put the Declaration into action in Canada.

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We will be in touch with officials at the Public Health Agency of Canada in the near future to continue discussions regarding potential roles for the CDPAC Alliance in helping to action the Declaration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ida Thomas', written in a cursive style.

Ida Thomas  
Chair

cc: Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer  
Leah Canning, Office of the Minister of Health  
Kim Elmslie, Director General, CCDPC, Public Health Agency of Canada

*The Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC) is a network of nine 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.*