



July 22, 2011

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

***Re: Head of State presence at the United Nations Non-Communicable Diseases Summit  
New York City, 19-20 September 2011***

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC), I respectfully urge you to attend the United Nations Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Summit to be held in New York City on September 19-20, 2011.

The Summit represents an excellent opportunity for Member States to elevate, specify and confirm their individual and joint levels of commitment to addressing the major causes of chronic disease. CDPAC believes your presence, along with that of other Heads of State and government leaders, will signal the urgency for serious and concerted global action on chronic disease prevention.

We commend the Government of Canada for the pan-Canadian consultative process it is undertaking in preparation for the Summit. CDPAC has shared its views and recommendations with the Public Health Agency of Canada. We trust our contributions will be of assistance to the Government as it shapes a vision for the future direction of global efforts on NCDs.

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Canada has a longstanding history of close collaboration between civil society and governments and as such, we believe that the NGO community can play a key role in addressing the NCD epidemic. We would therefore suggest that representation from the NGO sector be included in the Canadian delegation to the Summit. CDPAC would be honoured and ready to provide such representation if invited to do so.

Sincerely,



Ida Thomas  
Chair

cc: Hon. Leona Aglukkag, Minister of Health  
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 ten national organizations which share a common vision for an integrated system of research, surveillance, policies, and programs for maintaining health and prevention of chronic disease in Canada.*

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