



The Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
365 Laurier Ave. W.
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Dear Minister Hussen,

Re.: 2019 Global Cap Announcement and Meeting Request

Greetings from the Council of the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) Association, which represents over 100 SAHs across Canada. 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the first Master Agreements, now called Sponsorship Agreements. We are proud to be part of the continued success of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSRP).

On 25 January 2018 SAHs were informed that the 2018 global cap for refugee sponsorship submissions would be 8500 people, and that notional caps for 2019 and 2020 were 8500 and 14500, respectively. Based on this information, SAHs are now waiting for you to announce the actual cap for 2019 so that their individual allocations can be issued and they can begin submitting their 2019 sponsorship applications. As you know, the longer SAHs wait for a global cap announcement and the individual allocations that follow, the more difficult it is for SAHs to get this important work done, and for IRCC to process applications evenly throughout the year.

We and all of our members hope you will announce the global cap as soon as possible.

We look forward to our continued partnership in maintaining Canada's crucial work in refugee resettlement. The SAH Council and Secretariat will be in Ottawa March 5-7 and in light of our 40-year partnership we request an opportunity to meet with you during that time, to share our perspective on the current and future direction of the PSRP.

Sincerely,

Brian Dyck for the SAH Council