

December 14, 2015

**The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of International Development and La Francophonie
Ottawa, Canada**

Dear Minister Bibeau,

I would like to thank you for hosting the recent Humanitarian Roundtable, on behalf of myself and the representatives of key humanitarian organizations that participated (*). We very much value the commitment of the new government to consult and work closely with stakeholders from across the sector. We also appreciate your commitment to an ongoing dialogue with the sector and would like to follow up with a meeting in late January to assess the UNSG's report on the World Humanitarian Summit consultations and identify a particular value-added role for Canada that would serve to reassert our role as a humanitarian leader in the world.

This past year has been an exciting but challenging one globally. The 2030 Agenda, the Addis Financing for Development Agreement, and the recently concluded COP21 discussions in Paris present the world with ambitious goals to attain. These goals will be even further tested by the growing number and severity of humanitarian crises, exacerbated by continued conflict and forced displacement due to war, poverty or climate disasters. Next year representatives at the World Humanitarian Summit will try to address these challenges building on the work of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the agreements reached in Addis and Paris.

We are pleased to see that Canada has redoubled its commitment to the poorest and most vulnerable, particularly in fragile contexts, and to peaceful pluralism. These commitments are an excellent foundation for Canadian engagement and leadership in global humanitarian response, as well as the reform of humanitarian systems at home and abroad to ensure they are effective, transparent and accountable to the people they serve.

Millions of people around the world are facing desperate circumstances caused by war, disaster and climate change and need our collective and collaborative efforts - a 'whole-of-Canada' approach - to survive, recover and rebuild their resilience.

The Canadian humanitarian sector stands ready to work with you to meet the humanitarian challenges we face in a rapidly changing world.

Sincerely,



Julia Sanchez
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Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC)

Cc: Diane Jacovella, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues and Development

(*) The following organizational representatives were present at the roundtable:

Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC)	Julia Sanchez	President-CEO
Canadian Red Cross Society	Conrad Sauvé	President and CEO
CARE Canada	Gillian Barth	President & CEO
CFGB - Canadian Foodgrains Bank Association	Grant Hillier	former Program Director
Development and Peace (CCOfDaP)	David Leduc	Executive Director
Humanitarian Coalition	Nicholas Moyer	Executive Director
Médecins sans frontières/ Doctors without Borders	Jonathan Jennings	Deputy Director
Mennonite Central Committee Canada	Jennifer Wiebe	Director, Ottawa Office
Oxfam Canada	Julie Delahanty	Executive Director
Oxfam-Québec	Lina Holguin	Directrice des politiques
Plan International Canada Inc. (Plan Canada)	Marie Staunton	Interim CEO
Save the Children Canada	Patricia Erb	President and CEO
World Vision Canada	Michael Messenger	President and CEO