



PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

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Christy
Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 2014, inviting me to speak at your conference in May on liquefied natural gas.

As you know, expanding and diversifying our energy exports is a top priority for our Government. Canada has an emerging liquefied natural gas industry and a strategic imperative to become an important supplier of energy to Asia.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this important conference. Given his responsibilities, I have referred your invitation to the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, for his consideration.

I am forwarding a copy of our exchange of correspondence to the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, and the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, for their information.

Yours sincerely,

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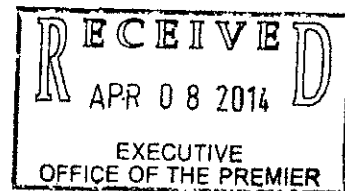
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PRIME MINISTER PREMIER MINISTRE

APR - 9 2014

Dear Premier:

I am writing to you and other Premiers to inform you about the Government of Canada's efforts to mark the end of our country's military mission in Afghanistan with a National Day of Honour on May 9, 2014.

As part of these efforts, His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, will issue a Royal Proclamation celebrating the strength and resolve of our men and women in uniform, their families, and the many communities they call home.

A National Ceremony will occur on Parliament Hill with veterans of all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces, their regiments, and families. This will be an occasion to pay tribute to the fallen, the sacrifices of the wounded, and the special burden borne by military families. The day will also recognise the contributions of Canadian law enforcement and civil society. Members of the public and students will be invited to immortalize the legacy of these heroes with a national moment of silence.

However, to make this day a truly national commemoration, we need your help. We would ask that you encourage your legislature to mark the day by observing a concurrent moment of silence. The assistance of your Minister of Education in engaging local school boards to encourage classroom activities would also be helpful.

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We hope to see strong participation from provincial and municipal officials in the commemorations. Members of your legislature and local mayors should be encouraged to attend events staged at Royal Canadian Legion branches, local military facilities, or schools.

Our goal is to honour the end of a generational mission that affected almost every community in Canada. The tremendous respect our soldiers have earned through their courageous efforts has been evident from coast to coast to coast. May 9 will be the culmination of these tributes and a special opportunity to salute the fallen, honour our veterans, and celebrate the strength our country's remarkable military families. These heroes deserve our unwavering support and everlasting respect.

As we undertake this work, my office would be pleased to offer assistance. We want to extend our full support to all efforts aimed at marking the National Day of Honour an unprecedented success.

I am forwarding, for their information, a copy of this letter to the Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson, Minister of National Defence, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, and the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec.

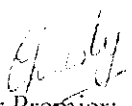
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GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AVR 17 2014
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Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 2014, advising me of your plans to lead a delegation of British Columbia cabinet ministers and industry representatives to Ottawa on March 31. I was pleased to meet with you as part of this trip.

I am also pleased that on March 31, the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, and the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, signed several agreements to help connect Canadians with available jobs, including one to implement the Canada Job Grant in British Columbia.

I am pleased that on account of your delegation's trip to Ottawa, our governments signed a memorandum of understanding on a strong resource economy. As a significant economic driver in rural and remote regions, the resource industry has the potential to create thousands of jobs in British Columbia. The Memorandum of Understanding affirms the commitment of both governments to work together, as well as with other partners, to develop the workforce the resource industry needs. Our strategy focuses on increasing participation, productivity, and mobility of Canadians in the workforce, ensuring that the Temporary Foreign Worker Program is used only as a last resort. I note that our governments have

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also renewed the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers program, a federal-provincial/territorial cost-shared initiative that helps unemployed older workers become re-employed.

The Government of Canada shares your government's interest in seeing the development of a liquefied natural gas industry in British Columbia. We are, however, also committed to diversifying Canada's export markets for oil through the development of needed infrastructure. The Government of Canada continues to make significant efforts to ensure a world-class system for tanker and pipeline safety, and to ensure Aboriginal engagement and participation in the development of energy infrastructure. Your government's continued collaboration on these issues is welcomed.

I am forwarding a copy of our exchange of correspondence to Minister Kenney, and to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, and the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, for their information.

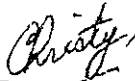
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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

MAY 13 2014


Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 2014, co-signed by the other New West Partnership Premiers, concerning your meeting on March 13, 2014.

I have taken note of your views on addressing the challenges in transporting grain. On March 26, the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, introduced the Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act in Parliament to respond to concerns regarding western Canada's rail shipping system. This legislation amends the *Canada Transportation Act* and the *Canada Grain Act*, providing additional measures designed to help the entire grain transportation system reach the goal of getting product to market more efficiently following a record crop year for Canadian farmers.

On April 4, the Government also introduced an amendment to this legislation to include an additional tool to improve service by strengthening contracts between railways and shippers, which would require railways to pay compensation to shippers for out-of-pocket expenses should railways fail to meet service level obligations.

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In addition to these legislative actions, the Government of Canada is also taking steps to address this issue, and broader rail transport issues for all commodities, in the medium and long term. First, the Government intends to conduct enhanced data monitoring on rail transport going forward, and will seek information and plans from all supply chain partners before each new crop year before taking a decision on the need for mandated volume requirements.

Second, the Government intends to look at additional measures to address supply chain inefficiencies and incentives through the expedited review of the *Canada Transportation Act*, and the establishment of stakeholder consultation fora: the renewal of the Crop Logistics Working Group and the new Commodity Supply Chain Roundtable. We will consult your government on these issues.

On March 13, Minister Raitt, along with her British Columbia counterpart and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Port Metro Vancouver, outlined a 14-point action plan to return the port to normal operations. I am pleased to see that a revised plan was agreed to by all parties on March 25, and Port Metro Vancouver has since returned to acceptable operating levels.

Minister Raitt is the Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative, an integrated set of investment and policy measures focused on trade with the Asia-Pacific region. Its goal is to establish Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway as the best North American transportation network facilitating global supply chains with Asia. Working together with our partners, including your government, the Government of Canada has invested over \$1.4 billion in strategic infrastructure projects.

The Government of Canada is undertaking the most ambitious trade agenda in Canadian history. In less than seven years, Canada has concluded free trade agreements with nine countries and is negotiating with 30 more. On March 11, I announced that Canada and the Republic of Korea had concluded negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement that will significantly boost trade and investment between the two countries, creating jobs and opportunities for Canadians in every region of the country. I appreciate your government's support of these efforts.

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I have written a similar letter to Premier Brad Wall and Premier Dave Hancock, and I am forwarding a copy of our exchange of correspondence to Minister Raitt, Minister Ritz, the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, and the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of the Regions of Quebec, for their information.

Yours sincerely,

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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

OCT 20 2014

Dear Premier:

I am forwarding, for your information, a copy of my recent correspondence with the Honourable Robert Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island, regarding the outcomes of the 55th Annual Premiers' Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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PRIME MINISTRE • PREMIER MINISTRE

OCT 20 2014

Robert

Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter of September 2, 2014 concerning the 55th Annual Premiers' Meeting, which took place in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, host of the historic Charlottetown Conference. I am pleased to learn that the meeting provided an opportunity for you and your colleagues to have a productive discussion of issues of importance to provinces and territories.

I believe we share many priorities, particularly as they relate to economic growth and job creation in Canada. I am pleased that our governments have made progress toward these objectives and encourage all provinces and territories to work with responsible federal ministers to make further progress over the coming year. In particular, this includes cooperation on labour market development, improving market access and ensuring that Canada enjoys free and open internal trade. It is important that our governments continue to work together to ensure that Canadians benefit from the investments and commitments made through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

The Honourable Robert W. J. Ghiz
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I am forwarding, for their information, a copy of our exchange of correspondence to: all provincial and territorial premiers; the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec; the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry; the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism; and the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance.

Yours sincerely,

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PRIME MINISTRE / PREMIER MINISTRE

OCT 20 2014

Cher Robert,

Monsieur le premier ministre,

Je vous remercie pour votre lettre du 2 septembre 2014 au sujet de la 55^e rencontre annuelle des premiers ministres qui s'est déroulée à Charlottetown, à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, hôte de la Conférence historique de Charlottetown. Je suis heureux d'apprendre que la réunion a donné lieu à des discussions productives sur des questions d'importance pour les premiers ministres.

Je crois que nous partageons plusieurs priorités, tout particulièrement celles en matière de croissance économique et de création d'emplois au Canada. Je constate avec plaisir que nos gouvernements ont fait des progrès à ces égards, et j'encourage toutes les provinces et tous les territoires à travailler avec les ministres fédéraux responsables pour progresser davantage dans l'année à venir. Je pense spécialement à la coopération pour développer les marchés, à en améliorer l'accès et à veiller à ce que le Canada profite d'un commerce interne libre et ouvert. Il importe que nos gouvernements continuent de travailler ensemble pour que les Canadiens tirent profit des investissements et des engagements inhérents au Plan d'action économique du Canada.

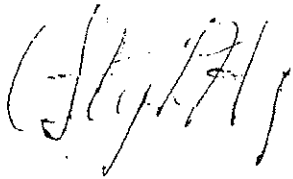
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Je compte sur notre collaboration habituelle afin d'obtenir des résultats pour les Canadiens.

Je transmets, à titre d'information, copie de notre correspondance à tous les premiers ministres provinciaux et territoriaux, à l'honorable Denis Lebel, ministre de l'Infrastructure, des Communautés et des Affaires intergouvernementales et ministre de l'Agence de développement économique du Canada pour les régions du Québec, à l'honorable James Moore, ministre de l'Industrie, à l'honorable Jason Kenney, ministre de l'Emploi et du Développement social et ministre du Multiculturalisme, et à l'honorable Joe Oliver, ministre des Finances.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le premier ministre, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

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CANADA'S
PREMIERS

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September 2, 2014

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC, MP
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Dear Prime Minister Harper:

On August 28-29, 2014, Canada's Premiers met in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island for the 55th Annual Premiers' Meeting.

This is an important year for Canada as it marks the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference and the first step toward Canadian Confederation. Canada's Premiers met in historic Charlottetown, much like the Fathers of Confederation did, to discuss common challenges and opportunities facing province and territories. We discussed issues of critical importance to Canadians, including aging, fiscal arrangements, infrastructure, competitiveness, and skills and training. Canada's Premiers are committed to working together to address these issues and to improve the economic and social well-being of all Canadians.

While many of our deliberations focused on areas of primarily provincial/territorial focus, overlap with federal interests exists on many of our priorities. Strategic efforts will be required to ensure that we are able to jointly and thoughtfully prepare for the challenges of the future. Co-operation between both our orders of government helps build a stronger economy and society for all Canadians. My fellow Premiers and I look forward to working with you and your Government in partnership on these issues.

As Chair of the Council of the Federation, I am pleased to take this opportunity to provide you with the outcomes from our meeting, which are attached.

Sincerely,

Robert Ghiz
Chair, Council of the Federation
Premier of Prince Edward Island

Enclosures

cc: All Premiers



**PREMIERS
MINISTRES**
DES PROVINCES ET TERRITOIRES

Le 2 septembre 2014

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Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

Les 28 et 29 août 2014, les premiers ministres des provinces et territoires se sont réunis à Charlottetown, à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, pour la 55^e Rencontre annuelle des premiers ministres.

La présente année revêt une importance particulière pour le Canada, puisqu'elle marque le 150^e anniversaire de la Conférence de Charlottetown, première étape vers la création de la Confédération canadienne. Les premiers ministres des provinces et territoires se sont réunis dans la ville historique de Charlottetown, tout comme les Pères de la Confédération, afin de discuter des défis communs auxquels les provinces et territoires sont confrontés et des possibilités qui s'offrent à eux. Nous avons discuté d'enjeux d'une importance cruciale pour les Canadiens, tel le vieillissement de la population, les arrangements financiers, les infrastructures, la compétitivité et la formation de la main-d'œuvre. Les premiers ministres des provinces et des territoires sont résolus à travailler ensemble sur ces questions et à améliorer le bien-être économique et social de tous les Canadiens.

Bien que nos discussions aient porté sur des questions qui concernent principalement les provinces et les territoires, il existe une zone de recoupement avec les intérêts du gouvernement fédéral. Des efforts stratégiques seront nécessaires pour qu'ensemble, nous puissions bien nous préparer à relever les défis de demain. La coopération entre nos deux ordres de gouvernement contribue à bâtir une société et une économie plus solides pour tous les Canadiens. Sur ces questions, mes homologues et moi sommes impatients de pouvoir travailler en partenariat avec vous et votre gouvernement.

À titre de président du Conseil de la fédération, je suis heureux de vous faire part des résultats de notre rencontre, que vous trouverez annexés à la présente.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

Robert Ghiz
Président, Conseil de la fédération
Premier ministre de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

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c. c. : Tous les premiers ministres des provinces et territoires



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

OCT 27 2014

Dear Premier:

I am forwarding, for your information, a copy of my recent correspondence with the Honourable Robert Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island, regarding the meeting of the premiers with the National Aboriginal Organization leaders in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on August 27, 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

OCT 27 2014

Robert
Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter dated September 2, 2014, in which you outline issues of common interest between premiers and the National Aboriginal Organization leaders based on the meeting held on August 27, 2014, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of Aboriginal communities. We continue to make significant progress in each of these areas with annual investments to reaffirm this commitment, including: \$323.4 million over the next two years to improve water and wastewater infrastructure; \$1.7 billion invested annually in First Nation education and education infrastructure, in addition to over \$600 million announced in Economic Action Plan 2013 in support of Aboriginal education, skills development and community infrastructure; and the new comprehensive approach to emergency financial arrangements that will ensure prudent management of public funds and provide First Nations, provinces and territories improved access to emergency funds when needed.

The Government of Canada is also deeply concerned about missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. These are abhorrent acts of violence and they will not be tolerated in our society. We committed, in Economic Action Plan 2014, to investing an additional \$25 million over five years to continue efforts to reduce violence against Aboriginal women. Our Government is putting this investment to work with the *Action Plan to Address Family Violence and Violent Crimes Against Aboriginal Women and Girls*. The Action Plan sets out concrete

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actions to prevent violence, support Aboriginal victims, and protect Aboriginal women and girls from violence.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to work closely with premiers, National Aboriginal Organization leaders, and community members on the issues of importance for Aboriginal people across Canada.

I am forwarding, for their information, a copy of our exchange of correspondence to all provincial and territorial premiers and the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Yours sincerely,

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OCT 27 2014

Robert

Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 2 septembre 2014 dans laquelle vous présentez les questions suscitant un intérêt commun de la part des premiers ministres et des dirigeants des organisations autochtones nationales dans la foulée de la rencontre tenue le 27 août 2014, à Charlottetown, à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard.

Le gouvernement du Canada s'est engagé à veiller à la sécurité et au bien-être des collectivités autochtones. Il continue d'ailleurs de réaliser des progrès importants relativement à ces deux aspects grâce à des investissements annuels lui permettant de donner corps à cet engagement, notamment : un apport de 323,4 millions de dollars pour les deux prochaines années en vue d'améliorer l'infrastructure d'approvisionnement en eau et de traitement des eaux usées; 1,7 milliard de dollars investis chaque année dans l'éducation des Premières Nations et dans l'infrastructure de l'éducation, qui s'ajoutent aux plus de 600 millions de dollars annoncés dans le Plan d'action économique 2013 pour appuyer l'éducation, le perfectionnement professionnel et l'infrastructure communautaire des autochtones; et la nouvelle approche globale pour les ententes financières sur les urgences, qui assurera une gestion prudente des fonds publics et donnera aux Premières Nations ainsi qu'aux provinces et aux territoires un accès amélioré aux fonds réservés aux urgences en cas de besoin.

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Le gouvernement du Canada est également profondément préoccupé par la question des femmes et des filles autochtones disparues et assassinées au pays. En effet, ces actes de violence odieux ne seront pas tolérés dans notre société. Dans le Plan d'action économique de 2014, nous nous sommes engagés à investir un montant supplémentaire de vingt-cinq millions de dollars sur cinq ans afin de poursuivre les efforts visant à réduire la violence faite aux femmes autochtones. Notre gouvernement met ces fonds au service du *Plan d'action pour contrer la violence familiale et les crimes violents à l'endroit des femmes et des filles autochtones*, lequel prévoit des mesures concrètes pour prévenir la violence, appuyer les Autochtones qui en sont victimes et protéger les femmes et les filles autochtones.

Nous accueillons favorablement cette occasion de travailler en étroite coopération avec les premiers ministres, les dirigeants des organisations autochtones nationales et les membres des collectivités pour donner suite aux questions importantes aux yeux des peuples autochtones de l'ensemble du Canada.

Enfin, je transmets une copie de notre correspondance, à titre d'information, à tous les premiers ministres provinciaux et territoriaux ainsi qu'à l'honorable Bernard Valcourt, ministre des Affaires autochtones et du Développement du Nord.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.



Premier of Prince Edward Island



Premier ministre de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

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September 2, 2014

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of Premiers who met with the National Aboriginal Organization (NAO) leaders in Charlottetown, PEI on August 27, 2014 to discuss issues of common interest that are of national importance.

As part of our discussions, Premiers and NAO leaders talked about joint initiatives that are delivering positive outcomes in a number of areas including housing, ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls, disaster mitigation, and increasing Aboriginal participation in the workforce.

Premiers and leaders called for greater federal engagement in the following areas:

- A long term federal government commitment to address the need for safe and affordable housing for Aboriginal Canadians;
- Stable and predictable federal infrastructure investments that will support economic development opportunities, deliver clean water and mitigate the impact of natural disasters on all communities;
- Renewal of the federal Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy; and
- Closing the gap in education outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Premiers reiterated the need for the federal government to fulfill its responsibilities as a partner at the treaty table and as a partner in other economic development agreements.

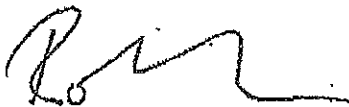
Furthermore, Premiers have renewed their support for the NAO leaders' call for a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. Premiers and NAO leaders also support the Assembly of First Nations and Native Women's Association of Canada initiative for a national roundtable discussion with federal ministers on murdered and missing Aboriginal women.

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Premiers and NAO leaders also discussed the high number of Aboriginal children in care across the country. Almost 50% of all children in protective care in Canada are Aboriginal, while First Nations, Metis and Inuit comprise only 4.3% of the population. Premiers invite the federal government to work with provincial and territorial ministers to address this issue.

Sincerely,



Robert Ghiz
Premier of Prince Edward Island

cc: Premiers

Premier of Prince Edward Island



Premier ministre de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

Le 2 septembre 2014

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Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

Je vous écris au nom des premiers ministres des provinces et des territoires qui ont rencontré les dirigeants des organisations autochtones nationales (OAN) à Charlottetown, à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, le 27 août 2014, afin de discuter de questions d'intérêt commun et d'importance nationale.

Dans le cadre de ces discussions, les premiers ministres et les dirigeants des OAN ont parlé des initiatives qu'ils mènent conjointement et qui donnent des résultats positifs dans plusieurs domaines, tels que le logement, l'élimination de la violence faite aux femmes et aux filles autochtones, les mesures d'atténuation des catastrophes et l'augmentation de la participation des Autochtones au marché du travail.

Les premiers ministres et les dirigeants autochtones ont demandé un plus grand engagement de la part du gouvernement fédéral dans les domaines suivants :

- Un engagement à long terme pour répondre aux besoins des Autochtones canadiens en matière de logements sûrs et abordables;
- Des investissements fédéraux stables et prévisibles dans les infrastructures, qui soutiendront les possibilités de développement économique, assureront la distribution en eau potable et permettront d'atténuer les effets des catastrophes naturelles au sein des communautés;
- Le renouvellement de la Stratégie de formation pour les compétences et l'emploi destinée aux Autochtones;
- L'élimination de l'écart entre les élèves autochtones et non autochtones en matière de réussite scolaire.

Les premiers ministres ont réitéré que le gouvernement fédéral doit s'acquitter de ses responsabilités, en véritable partenaire, à la table des traités ainsi que dans le cadre d'autres ententes de développement économique.

De plus, les premiers ministres ont réitéré leur soutien à la demande faite par les dirigeants des OAN de tenir une enquête publique nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones assassinées ou disparues. Les premiers ministres et les dirigeants des OAN appuient également la proposition de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations et de l'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada d'organiser une table ronde nationale avec les ministres fédéraux sur les femmes et les filles autochtones assassinées ou disparues.

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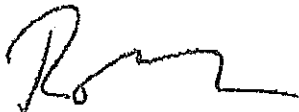
Le très honorable Stephen Harper

Le 2 septembre 2014

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Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.



Robert Ghiz

Premier ministre de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

c.c.: Tous les premiers ministres des provinces et des territoires

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