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animés par le feu sacré*

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Olympic Committee and the 2011 Pan American Canadian Team, we wish to extend an invitation to you and a guest to attend part of the XVI Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 13-30 October 2011.

These Games are of a distinct importance for our Canadian Team and our country as we get set to host the next Pan American Games in Toronto in 2015. This is also an ideal platform as many sports will be using these Games as a qualifier for the London 2012 Olympic Games. We know that our athletes and coaches would very much appreciate your support as they represent their country.

Forty-two (42) Pan American countries will compete in thirty six (36) sports totaling over 5,500 athletes... twice the size of the Vancouver Games. For its part, Canada will send approximately 520 athletes. Representing these athletes is Canada's Chef de Mission Jacques Cardyn. Mr Cardyn, a 1984 fencing Olympian and 1983 Pan American Games gold medalist, along with Assistant Chef de Mission Curt Harnett, himself a three-time Olympic medalist and two-time Pan American Games medalist, will be leading the team.

Should you be interested and available to attend, we ask that you inform us no later than July 15 as accreditations are limited. The COC would be pleased to provide assistance in making your arrangements.

It would give us great pleasure to welcome you in Guadalajara and have you meet our Canadian Team.

Yours truly in sport,

Marcel Aubut
President

Jean R Dupré
CEO & Secretary General