



Droits et Démocratie
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Mrs. Navanethem Pillay
High Commissioner for Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Dear High Commissioner,

Rights & Democracy's Contribution to the OHCHR for 2008-2009

I am pleased to inform you that Rights & Democracy, an independent organization created by the Parliament of Canada to promote the human rights and democratic values enshrined in the *International Bill of Rights*, has approved a contribution of CAN \$144,000 to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. This contribution is for the 2008-2009 fiscal year of Rights & Democracy, which is from April 1st, 2008 to March 31st, 2009.

Rights & Democracy wishes to allocate CAN\$85,000 of this contribution to support the activities of OHCHR's National Institutions Unit. In addition, Rights & Democracy wishes to allocate CAN\$50,000 of this contribution to support the activities of OHCHR's Civil Society Unit; and CAN\$9,000 to support the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit. In addition, Rights & Democracy is pleased to cover the various costs associated to the interns provided to the National Institutions Unit and to the Civil Society Unit, and to cover certain expenses related to joint projects with the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit.

This contribution is made within the context of the ongoing partnership between Rights & Democracy and OHCHR. This support underscores Rights & Democracy's shared preoccupation about the concrete implementation of human rights and democracy at the national level and its commitment to facilitate youth access to human rights training and education. We are pleased that the last three years of our collaboration have produced many outputs in terms of human rights protection and promotion that benefited from the strong synergies that exist between our two organizations. I hope that we can take advantage of forthcoming discussions to explore the possibility of renewing our partnership for another period of three years, which would start with our next fiscal year.

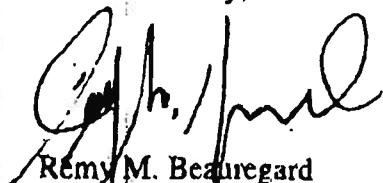
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In return for this contribution, we trust that you will keep us informed of the direction and new policy developments foreseen by OHCHR in the near future. Furthermore, we trust that our contribution to these activities will be acknowledged in OHCHR annual reports for 2008-09 and that these documents will be shared with us.

Once we have received official confirmation that the terms of this contribution are accepted, we will deposit the aforementioned funds directly into the OHCHR's bank account.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



Remy M. Beaugregard
President