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Government of Canada and the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples sign Accord on Human Resource Development

OTTAWA, ONTARIO—The Honourable Claudette Bradshaw, Minister of State (Human Resources Development), and National Chief Dwight A. Dorey of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP), today signed an Accord on Human Resource Development. The Accord reflects the Government of Canada’s renewed commitment to strengthening the policy capacity of Aboriginal organizations.

“I am honoured to be participating in this signing ceremony for the renewal of the Accord on Human Resource Development between the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada,” said Minister Bradshaw. “The renewal of the Accord will enable us to continue our positive and productive relations with the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.”

“This agreement is the catalyst that will help improve job skills and the potential for employment for Aboriginal people everywhere,” said CAP National Chief Dorey. “Through the partnership that brought about this accord, we can work together to build our capacity and, through this, build real bridges to employment. This is a key measure in improving Aboriginal quality of life, one that will benefit Aboriginal children, youth and persons with disabilities.”

First signed in 1999, the Accord clearly demonstrates the Government of Canada’s ongoing commitment to working with CAP to ensure that Canada’s Aboriginal human resources development programs and policies reflect the concerns and interests of Aboriginal people.

The renewed accord reflects the spirit of a broader joint accord signed by the Government of Canada and CAP on May 31, 2005. The broader joint accord, which provides the basis for a new era of cooperation between the Government and Aboriginal people, aims to ensure that national Aboriginal organizations are full partners in the development of federal policy affecting Aboriginal people.

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