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National Coalition of Provincial and Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of Women meet with Minister Hajdu in Ottawa

Ottawa, Ontario – The National Coalition of Provincial and Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of Women held its annual meeting in Ottawa on September 26 and 27, 2016. The meetings provided the Coalition with an opportunity to meet with Honourable Patty Hajdu, the Federal Minister of Status of Women, to share and discuss issues related to women's equality across the country as well as to highlight how the Coalition can advance the interests of women.

“We were very pleased to hear from Minister Hajdu,” said Linda Ross, President/CEO of Newfoundland and Labrador’s Advisory Council and current Chairperson for the Coalition. “We were impressed by the Minister’s comprehensive and helpful update on Status of Women Canada’s work, especially on gender-based violence. Violence against women and girls affects all of our communities. It was heartening to hear the voices of women from across Canada were heard in consultations. The themes from these consultations are very familiar from what we hear from women in our provinces and territories.”

Ross said, “Minister Hajdu was also open to concerns at the table about how the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing and Indigenous Women will hear Inuit women’s stories in their own language and provide appropriate support for families.” Added Ross, “The Coalition is a national voice for women. We are very happy to have had this opportunity to share with Minister Hajdu the work of Coalition members individually and together as a collective voice for women’s equality.”

During their time in Ottawa, members also met with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Equal Voice National to discuss opportunities to increase women in leadership. Other national gender-equality issues we share in common include sexual assault response, the need for respectful workplace policies and codes of conduct that are effective and that apply to employees as well as elected officials at all levels of government.

The Coalition of Provincial and Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of was formed after the federal government eliminated the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1995.

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