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Via email: [Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C, M.P.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Dear Minister Freeland:

We are writing on behalf of the Canadian Bar Association's International Law Section and International Initiatives Committee to extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs. We look forward to establishing a positive and constructive relationship with you and your team.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers, and students across Canada. We promote the rule of law, access to justice, effective law reform and provide expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day.

The CBA International Law Section addresses issues of public and private international law, including treaties and conventions, international trade, anti-corruption measures, international development, and human rights. The CBA International Initiatives Committee guides the CBA's rule of law work in developing countries and has implemented justice system reform in almost 30 countries – across Asia, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and the Caribbean.

We understand that your mandate includes strengthening multilateral cooperation, managing the Canada-U.S. relationship and championing the values of accountable governance and human rights. Given our Canadian and international legal perspective on these issues, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your officials to discuss how we might assist you with your new mandate.

Yours truly,

*(original signed by Marc-André O'Rourke on behalf of Noemi Gal-Or and Daphne E. Dumont)*

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