



CANADA

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean,
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Governor General
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Excellency,

As Leader of the Official Opposition, I wish to inform you that, as of this writing, the opposition parties, who together constitute a majority in the House of Commons, have been in close consultation concerning the failure of the Conservative government to address the impact of the global economic crisis on Canadians.

As a result, I wish to inform you that my party and the other two opposition parties have lost confidence in this Conservative government.

The Liberal Party of Canada and the New Democratic Party of Canada are resolved to form a new government and to this end we have the support of the Bloc Québécois for a period of 18 months. This new government will effectively, prudently, promptly and competently address the best interests of the people of Canada in these critical economic times.

In light of the significant economic challenges facing our citizens, and that the last federal election was held less than two months ago, we respectfully request that, should a call for dissolution arise, you consider exercising your constitutional authority to call on the Leader of the Official Opposition to form a new collaborative government with the New Democratic Party of Canada and supported by the Bloc Québécois. This new government should be allowed to demonstrate it has the confidence of the House of Commons.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stéphane Dion". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Hon. Stéphane Dion, P.C., M.P.
Leader of the Official Opposition
Leader, the Liberal Party of Canada

c.c. The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Canada, Beverly McLachlin, P.C.