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### **Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism**

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to those attending a Nite in Goa, hosted by the Goan Overseas Association (GOA) of Vancouver. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers for your continued dedication to a diverse and multicultural Canada.

The GOA has assisted many people over the years, strengthening our communities, and contributing to a stronger Canada. Their values are those which foster a sense of belonging in our society through the promotion of heritage, development of community spirit, and by offering various resources to its members. These activities provide a smoother transition in personal, professional and social integration for newcomers to Canada and long-term residents alike, in turn, contributing to their successes. Canada is a great pluralistic success story, but it is an occasion like this that makes that story even greater.

By participating in an event such as this, we are all given the opportunity to share and appreciate the various traditions of our families, friends and neighbours. As Prime Minister Harper once said, "We are proud to live in a country that embraces the many cultures and religions of the world. Our Government considers diversity one of this country's greatest assets, and we are committed to strengthening both our pluralism and our national unity. "

Thank you, and best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Kenney".

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP  
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

