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I, Tony Clement, Minister of Health of Canada,

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Recognizing the serious disease burden and significant economic impact that healthcare-associated infection places on patients and health systems throughout the world,

Considering that the majority of these infections are treatable and avoidable,

Appreciating the momentum that the Global Patient Safety Challenge programme of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety is bringing to reduce healthcare-associated infection at the global level,

Emphasizing that a unique opportunity now exists to reverse the incidence of healthcare-associated infection in Canada,

Resolve to work to reduce healthcare-associated infection through actions such as:

- Acknowledging the importance of healthcare-associated infection;
- Developing or enhancing ongoing campaigns at national or sub-national levels to promote and improve hand hygiene among healthcare providers;
- Making reliable information available on healthcare-associated infection at community and district levels to foster appropriate actions;
- Sharing experiences and, where appropriate, available surveillance data with the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety;
- Considering the use of WHO strategies and guidelines to tackle healthcare-associated infection, in particular in the areas of hand hygiene, blood safety, injection and immunization safety, clinical procedures safety and water, sanitation and waste management safety;

Resolve to work with health professionals and associations in this country:

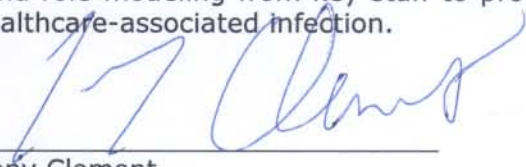
To promote the highest standards of practice and behaviour to reduce the risks of healthcare-associated infection;

To foster and sustain collaboration with research institutions, training schools, educational centres, universities and healthcare settings of other WHO Member States to ensure full utilization of knowledge and experience in the field of health care-associated infection;

To encourage senior management support and role-modeling from key staff to promote the implementation of interventions to reduce healthcare-associated infection.

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