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Dear Ms. Gélinas:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent discussions, at which you requested an extension beyond the current deadline of January 31, 2017 to submit the Expert Panel's report. I confirm my concurrence to extend the deadline to the date of March 31, 2017.

In light of the new deadline, I request that the Panel provide me both the executive summary and the final report in both official languages by March 31, 2017, so that they may be made available to the public as quickly as possible.

Attached is an amended Terms of Reference, reflecting the agreed upon changes to the deadline for submission of the Panel report and the official language requirements for the full Panel report. As the Terms of Reference for the Panel indicate, any clarifications to them, such as the changes identified herein, should be made available on the Panel's website and a notice issued to the public.

I appreciate the efforts that you, as Chair, and each of the other Panel members are making to contribute to this important undertaking and thank you for your hard work to date.

Sincerely,

Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Attachment