



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01654**

BY: **MR. DAVIES (VANCOUVER KINGSWAY)**

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **SIGNED BY THE HONOURABLE CHRYSIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Canadians abroad**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

Canada is committed to providing effective and efficient consular services to Canadians around the world.

Global Affairs Canada has been providing consular assistance to Hassan Diab since the beginning of his detention in France. Consular officials have visited him regularly in detention. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Consular Affairs) have met with Mr. Diab's family and supporters in Canada.

The department has been closely monitoring developments in Mr. Diab's ongoing legal process in France. Consular officials are in regular contact with Mr. Diab's lawyers in France and have attended recent bail hearings. The department has taken steps to ensure that French authorities understand Canada's interest in Mr. Diab's ongoing detention. Senior Canadian officials have met with their French counterparts to discuss Mr. Diab's case and raised concerns about the length of Mr. Diab's detention.