

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT POLICY DIRECTION TO THE
CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Should Bill C-10, *An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts*, receive Royal Assent, the Minister of Canadian Heritage intends to ask the Governor-in-Council to issue a policy direction to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Issued pursuant to the process outlined in sections 7 and 8 of the *Broadcasting Act*, the policy direction will ensure that the new tools introduced by Bill C-10 are used in a way that is consistent with the Government's vision.

The attached document provides a preliminary draft of the policy direction that the Minister intends to put forward. It represents the Government's early and broad intentions for the direction.

It should be noted that the attached document is in draft form. Cabinet granted approval for the draft policy direction recognizing that it could be further amended, as needed, following consultations. Further changes may be required to reflect relevant amendments made to Bill C-10 during its legislative process, legal and jurilingual reviews, consultations with both the CRTC and the public, and Government priorities.

Should Bill C-10 receive Royal Assent, the proposed policy direction will be published in the *Canada Gazette* for a minimum period of 30 days to allow interested parties to submit their representations. It will also be laid before each House of Parliament. Specific questions and concerns as to the contents of the direction will be addressed following this consultation period.

The final policy direction will be issued to the CRTC through an Order in Council.