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Inquiry Panel extends deadline for written submissions to August 31st

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The Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism (CPCCA) has extended its deadline for accepting written submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism.

“The response has been great so far,” said Member of Parliament Scott Reid, Chair of the Steering Committee of the CPCCA, “and in order to ensure that we have the most comprehensive and balanced view of antisemitism in Canada, we want to give ample opportunity to respond to our call for submissions.”

In June, the CPCCA launched its nation-wide inquiry into antisemitism by inviting written submissions on antisemitism. It plans to review the submissions and begin hearing witness testimony in the fall. Following the inquiry, the CPCCA will submit a report on antisemitism to the Government of Canada, in anticipation of the next Interparliamentary Conference on Combating Antisemitism, to be held in Ottawa in October 2010.

The CPCCA is an informal coalition of dedicated members of parliament seeking to eradicate antisemitism. The Inquiry Panel will be headed by Mario Silva, MP and the Steering Committee is chaired by Scott Reid MP. The coalition seeks submissions from all interested parties, including but not limited to academics, faith groups, policing organizations, non-profits and individuals.