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Julia Sanchez

President-CEO, Canadian Council for International Cooperation

Challenges and Opportunities for Canadian Civil Society in a Transforming World

DATE: Tuesday, May 29, 2012

TIME: 12:00 noon

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday May25, 2012.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

Canadian civil society in many ways is going through a transformation as it faces unprecedented challenges. Principal among them is the attitude and practice of the current government that is dramatically changing its relationship with civil society, both domestic and internationally-focused. The underlying tenets of this relationship, in place for 50 years, no longer hold. What is actually happening to these organizations, particularly those internationally engaged? How are they responding? Do they see new opportunities and are they seizing them? Julia Sanchez will address these questions and provide analysis on the state of the international NGO sector in Canada. She will discuss the links being made among organizations addressing development, environment, human rights and democracy, in Canada and internationally, as they deal with issues of public policy and advocacy. She will identify the changes necessary for civil society groups to overcome the current disabling environment and to engage the Canadian public and its support for global issues and international cooperation.

Julia Sanchez, appointed in May 2011 as the new President-CEO of CCIC, brings 18 years of experience in top-level international development management, including 13 years working in developing countries. She served as Regional and National Campaigns Director for the Global Campaign for Climate Action and worked for 14 years with the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI), one of Canada's largest international development agencies. She also consulted with Oxfam Great Britain, with USAID, and in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and other donor agencies such as IDB, ADB, and UNHCR.

Throughout her career Ms. Sanchez has provided leadership to a wide variety of projects in 16 countries - including Bolivia, Guatemala, Nepal, India, Mali, and other countries in Asia and Latin America - in areas such as humanitarian assistance, reconstruction, governance, democratic development, community-based economic development and international volunteering. Julia Sanchez has a B.A. and an M.A. from McGill University, specializing in development and international economics.