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CHAC APPLAUDS NEW LEGISLATION ON REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Ottawa — The new legislation prohibiting 13 unacceptable uses of reproductive technologies is a welcome step toward protecting the dignity and security of Canadians, said the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC). “CHAC has been expressing concerns about these practises for some time and is pleased to see the federal government acting on them,” said Raymond Lafond, Chairperson.

“We believe that with the prohibition legislation introduced last week and the regulatory regime promised by the government, Canada is taking steps to safeguard some fundamental values — such as human dignity, respect for life and protection of the vulnerable — and to promote sound ethical consideration of new reproductive technologies,” Mr. Lafond added.

Enforcement of these prohibitions, however, will need to be monitored to ensure that the legislation can be effective, he said. “We plan to participate in the review process of the bill to seek further clarifications and to suggest needed changes if necessary.”

The CHAC also welcomed the government’s consultation process on the regulatory strategy. “We will advocate for an integrated ethical framework for the new regulatory agency, as well as for broad representation within it,” Mr. Lafond said.

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