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*On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to extend my best wishes and warm greetings to all the participants and those attending this year's Skål World Congress Convention*

As the Minister of Natural Resources and the Member of Parliament for Halton, I am happy to extend my best wishes to all the participants in this year's Skål world congress happening in Budapest, Hungary.

Skål has a noble mandate. Uniting the world and bringing us closer together by uniting tourism leaders and promoting global tourism, something we can all learn and benefit from.

The International Association of Travel and Tourism Professionals now have approximately 20,000 members in 480 Clubs throughout 89 nations, including 17 clubs from Canada alone.

I would like to extend very special congratulations to the organizers of this year's congress and those who commit themselves to Skål International year round.

With Canada playing host to both the Olympic Winter Games and the G-20 Meeting in 2010, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of Skål to visit Canada and experience what we have to offer.

Wishing you all the very best for a successful meeting,

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