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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **President of Canada's ethnocultural Council vows to keep multiculturalism alive.**

**Ottawa**, June 3, 2008 The Canadian Ethnocultural Council held its biennial general assembly on June 1, in Toronto. Peter Ferreira who was re-elected for the second term, vowed to keep multiculturalism policy a fundamental part of the Canadian way of life.

The Honourable Jason Kenney, Secretary of State (Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity) addressed the assembly and delineated the important role of multiculturalism as part of the Canadian Identity as well as encouraged cultural communities to continue to dialogue and work together.

The CEC is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of national ethnocultural organizations dedicated to working together for the purpose of promoting intercultural dialogue and furthering the understanding of multicultural reality of Canada, thus ensuring equality of opportunity, rights and dignity for all Canadians. The newly elected Executive include:

**Mr. Peter Ferreira -President**  
(Portuguese Canadian National Congress)

**Dominic Campione - Director**  
(National Congress of Italian Canadians)

**Mr. Lou Sekulovski - Vice-President**  
(United Macedonians Organization of Canada)

**Mr. Emmanuel J. Dick - Director**  
(National Council of Trinidad and Tobago Organizations in Canada)

**Olive Steele – Treasurer**  
(National Council of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations in Canada)

**Diane Dragasevich - Director**  
(Serbian National Shield Society of Canada)

**Mr. Aris Babikian - Secretary**  
(Armenian National Federation of Canada)

**Dino Sophocleous - Director**  
(Cypriot Federation of Canada)

**Dr. Yvonne Bogorya-Buczowska  
Director**  
(Canadian Polish Congress)

**Harout Kassabian  
Youth Forum Chairperson**

**Art Hagopian  
Past-President**

*The Canadian Ethnocultural Council is a coalition of over 30 national ethnocultural organizations, which in turn represent over 2,000 local chapters across Canada. Its mandate is to promote the understanding of the multicultural reality of Canada as defined in The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and The Canadian Multiculturalism Act.*

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