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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Parliamentary Centre and Carleton University launch new partnership to orient incoming MPs and diplomats, *First event September 8, 2021*

**Ottawa, 27 August 2021.** Introducing EngageParlDiplo: innovative programming for decision makers and diplomats to dialogue about crucial policy issues delivered by the Parliamentary Centre and Carleton University.

EngageParlDiplo's inaugural event will take place Wednesday September 8 from 10:00-11:45 EST by Zoom. ***Election Primer for Diplomats, Politicos and Interested Observers*** will feature a presentation by pollster David Coletto and a panel of experts presenting practical information on the last days of the campaign.

EngageParlDiplo programming highlights will include orientations to Canada's democratic institutions for Members of Parliament newly elected to Canada's 44th Parliament, and newly arrived diplomats to Canada, and in-person and virtual panels and events on topics of Canadian and global interest.

EngageParlDiplo programming will continue and expand the decade-long work of the Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement in increasing the knowledge of parliamentarians and diplomats about Canada's democratic institutions and crucial political and public policy issues facing Canada and the world. Since its founding, hundreds of parliamentarians, staffers and diplomats attended panels on issues including cybersecurity and artificial intelligence; Canada's military, trade and diplomatic relationships; emergency preparedness; energy; food, housing and water.

EngageParlDiplo will expand upon these themes to foster meaningful conversations on issues important to Canada's position in a world where democracy and the rules-based international order are experiencing unprecedented challenges. EngageParl Diplo will also support the participation of Carleton University students as interns who will work at the Centre as part of their program of studies.

The Parliamentary Centre is Canada's global leader for democracy. It is Canada's most experienced non-profit organization dedicated to supporting inclusive democratic institutions and advancing principled foreign policy. Hosted by the House of Commons, the Centre has partnered with Parliament for over half a century, engaging parliamentarians and staff as peers in its work in 120 democratic institutions in over 70 countries. The work of the Parliamentary Centre is supported by Global Affairs Canada and many international partners including The European Union, Sweden and Switzerland

Carleton University is one of the most comprehensive and diverse educational institutions in Canada. It is also home to more than 31,000 full- and part-time students, and over 2,200 faculty and staff. A leader in teaching and research in public affairs, it offers a number of highly respected graduate programs, including the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Administration.



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**Carleton University is pleased to continue its longstanding partnership with The Parliamentary Centre. Our common commitment to advancing dialogue on policies issues and understanding of democratic practices and institutions come together nicely in the EngageParlDiplo Initiative.”**

*Dean Brenda O’Neill, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University*

**“I cannot think of a better home for EngageParlDiplo programming to flourish than at the Parliamentary Centre with its Board of Directors, staff and Associates and their significant expertise in government, politics, diplomacy, foreign affairs, international law, research, advocacy and international development.”**

*Maureen Boyd, Chair of the Parliamentary Centre and Founding Director, Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement*

**“The Parliamentary Centre enjoys a unique and historic relationship with Parliament. With EngageParlDiplo, we will build upon the solid foundation of the Carleton Initiative to support deeper understanding of our democratic institutions and consequential discussions about policy issues important to Canada and the world. We look forward to deepening relationships with Canada’s decision-makers and diplomats.”**

*Tom Cormier, CEO, Parliamentary Centre*

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