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**Canadian Hellenic Congress condemns
 Hamas' barbaric attack on Israel**

Montreal, October 11, 2023--- The Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) is deeply saddened by the loss of life and the catastrophic destruction resulting from the recent unprovoked and senseless terrorist attack on Israel and its people and expresses its profound sorrow and sincere condolences to the families of the victims. The CHC unequivocally condemns the barbaric terrorist attack by Hamas against Israel and its people.

Hamas, a terrorist organisation, indiscriminately targeted civilians – young, old, and even babies – taking them as hostages or killing them at random. This horrific attack cannot go unanswered.

Canada and the International Community must impose severe sanctions on this terrorist organisation and its backers; one of which is Turkey. For more than a decade, Turkey has supported Hamas with various resources. This support has given Hamas control and hold over the people of Gaza. Over 2 million people who live in Gaza are hostages of Hamas; a situation to which the International Community has turned a blind eye to for many years. This can be no longer tolerated and Canada must push for radical changes to liberate Gaza from the Hamas yoke.

As far as repercussions of foreign terrorist acts on our Canadian soil, true democracy allows for difference of viewpoint and opinion, freedom of speech, debate, discourse and peaceful demonstration. However, hate speech, promotion of violence and celebration of terrorist acts cannot be tolerated by our Canadian way of life! We call upon our politicians, government officials and fellow citizens to uphold these Canadian principles of democracy.

We, Canadians of Hellenic descent, stand with the people and the government of Israel, an ally of Canada and Greece.

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