

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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### Responses

#### 1. Economic Recovery and Growth

*Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?*

Long-term planning which respects and reflects Canada's social, political and economic realities as well as its traditions. Short-term initiatives must be undertaken within this context. Une planification à long terme qui reflète la réalité actuelle ainsi que les traditions socio-politiques et économiques du Canada. Toute politique à court terme doit respecter cette planification.

#### 2. Job Creation

*As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?*

Managed investment which targets sectors which have been hit hardest both in the public (CBC and SRC as examples) and private domains (high tech and automotive as examples). Des investissements qui visent les secteurs qui ont été le plus touché tant au niveau public (p.ex., SRC et CBC) que privé (p.ex., haute technologie et automobile).

#### 3. Demographic Change

*What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?*

Promote retraining and assume part of education fees in sectors where shortages exist. Faire la promotion de nouvelles formations professionnelles et subventionner les coûts d'éducation dans les secteurs où une pénurie existe.

#### 4. Productivity

*With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?*

Job-sharing in order to reduce stress on individuals. Le partage d'heures de travail afin de réduire le niveau stress vécu par les individus.

#### 5. Other Challenges

*With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?*

Canadian culture facing an increasing number of important obstacles: Re-invest in the CBC and SRC through initiatives which would promote both traditional programming (local programming in particular) and quality online content (e.g. CBC music) Nombre d'obstacles importants qui menacent la culture canadienne qui s'accroît: Rehausser le niveau des investissements du gouvernement fédéral à la

SRC et CBC par l'entremise d'initiatives qui permettraient de faire la promotion de la programmation traditionnelle (la programmation locale en particulier) et d'un contenu en-ligne de qualité (p.ex., TOU.TV)