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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with a great pleasure that the Bloc Québécois is answering your questionnaire during the current electoral campaign :

- One of the main missions of the Bloc Québécois is to fight poverty. This is why we oppose the austerity policies and believe that the state has a role to play in the economic and social development. On this issue we urge the federal government to reinstate health transfers in order to ensure the sustainability of the services managed by the government of Quebec.

We also require for the federal transfers to be increased in order to allow the government of Quebec to be able to offer quality public services to the people of Quebec. The accessibility to public education, the economic and social development of Quebec and the fair distribution of wealth targets depend in part on federal transfers.

- The Bloc Québécois supports the efforts of the government of Quebec in their objective to reduce greenhouse gases of 80% by 2050. We also intend to work in order to ensure that the federal government will play a constructive role in the discussions at the Paris Summit this December.
- The reconciliation with Aboriginal nations is also a priority for the Bloc Québécois. We demand, in particular, a public investigation on the disappearing of Aboriginal women without further delay and want to foster a dialogue between equals in order to find

solutions to allow the political, economic and cultural development and influence of the Aboriginal nations in Quebec and in Canada.

A positive and respectful attitude toward the wishes of the Aboriginal nations is a non-negotiable need to forge a new partnership and a constructive dialogue between Quebecers, Canadians and First nations.

- The Bloc Québécois supports the idea of a secular and tolerant society. For us there is no room for discrimination or intolerance towards a faith in particular in Quebec or in Canada.

On an international basis, the Bloc Québécois is also in favour of a foreign policy encouraging cordial and productive relations with democratic states opposing religious repression.

- The current refugee crisis is the worst humanitarian crisis since the end of World War II. The Bloc Québécois has already proposed a plan to welcome at least 10,000 refugees in Quebec and in Canada by January.

Furthermore, the Bloc also supports the idea of discussing with our NATO partners to prepare an emergency aid plan to help the countries adjacent to Syria in welcoming millions of Syrian refugees fleeing the civil war.

- Concerning palliative care, the Bloc Québécois urges the federal government to ensure a stable funding for health in Quebec and guarantee equitable transfers, with a 6 % annual increase (added to an increase indexed to the inflation rate). Ultimately, we want the federal government's contribution to be 25 % of the total sums invested in health.

Finally, we invite you to consult our website for any further information:

www.blocquebecois.org

Sincerely,

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