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Dear Mr. Chairperson, Members of the Commission:

Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission 2011-2012

We enclose the joint Submission of the Canadian Superior Courts Judges Association and the Canadian Judicial Council to the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission. The judiciary and the Government will submit in due course a Joint Book of Documents reproducing the various sources referred to in their respective submissions.

The enclosed Submission had already been submitted to and approved by the Compensation Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Directors of the Association, as well as the Judicial Salaries and Benefits Committee and the Executive Committee of the Council when the Commission issued its Notice on December 8, 2011. In the short time available between the Notice and the due date for submissions by the principal parties, it was not possible to seek the approval of revisions to the Submission in response to the Notice.

To the extent that the enclosed Submission does not already address the points raised in the Notice, the Association and Council will address them in their reply submissions due January 30, 2012. The same applies to the judiciary's response to the Government's letter dated December 13, 2011, sent in response to the Notice.

The whole respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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