

September 11, 2015  
Ottawa, Canada

Mr. Sean Kian Peng  
Chair of the election committee  
International Co-operative Alliance  
Email: election.committee@ica.coop

Object: Nomination of Monique M. Leroux as candidate for the International co-operative Alliance presidency election

Dear Mr. Chair,

The board of directors of Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada (CMC) is pleased to present the candidacy of Ms. Monique F. Leroux for the election to the presidency of the International Co-operative Alliance (Alliance). The following presents her qualifications.

### **Statement of qualifications**

Monique F. Leroux is the Chair of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Desjardins Group, the leading cooperative financial group in Canada and the fifth strongest financial institution in the world. During her term, Desjardins Group has shown sustained growth reaching assets of \$250 billion while remaining strongly committed to its cooperative values. Present in Canada, the United States, Europe, and in more than 40 emerging countries, Desjardins counts close to 50,000 employees and 5,000 board members of local caisses.

As chair of the CQCM<sup>1</sup> (Québec association of cooperatives), Ms. Leroux launched an ambitious plan to grow the cooperative movement by 20,000 jobs by 2020. She also contributed to the creation of CMC (Canada), a large national cooperative association.

Very active as a board member of the Alliance, she chairs the IARAC<sup>2</sup> committee. She is also a member of the executive committee of the EACB<sup>3</sup> and the CIBP<sup>4</sup>. She is the founder and chair of the board of the Quebec International Summit of Cooperatives.

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<sup>1</sup> CQCM: Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité

<sup>2</sup> IARAC: International Accounting and Regulatory Affairs Committee

<sup>3</sup> EACB: European Association of Co-operative Banks

<sup>4</sup> CIBP: International Confederation of Popular Banks

Ms. Leroux has received numerous honours, including the Order of Canada, the Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur (France), the Woodrow Wilson Award (United States), personality of the Francophonie économique, and holds honorary doctorates from eight Canadian universities. She was recently inducted as a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors for her outstanding leadership in business and governance. Also committed to public policy, Mrs. Leroux is a member of the Canadian Prime Minister's Advisory Committee and participates to the B20 and B7/G7.

Ms. Leroux supports a host of not-for-profit organizations and chairs the Desjardins Foundation committed to young people education.

With such an impressive profile, we are convinced that Mrs. Leroux is the perfect candidate to fulfill the presidency of the Alliance. Should you have any question, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Wilkinson", written in a cursive style.

Jack Wilkinson  
President of the Board, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada

CC Denyse Guy, Executive Director, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada