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CABL's Statement Regarding Proposed Criminal Case Review Commission

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The Canadian Association of Black Lawyers ("CABL") commends the Canadian Federal Government for <u>announcing</u> on March 31, 2021 that it is taking steps to establish an independent Criminal Case Review Commission to ensure that potentially wrongfully convicted people can have their applications reviewed by an independent body.

We applaud the appointment of the Honourable Harry LaForme, former justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Honourable Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré, former judge of the Court of Quebec to lead public-facing consultations on the creation of the Commission.

CABL is ready to participate in the consultations on the creation of the Commission, upon request.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LAWYERS

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