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**NATIONAL LIBERAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS RELEASE
"PINK BOOK – A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CANADA'S FUTURE"**

OTTAWA, Susan Kadis, M.P. for Thornhill and Treasurer of the National Liberal Women's Caucus participated in the launch today of the Caucus' "*Pink Book – A Policy Framework for Canada's Future*" this morning in Ottawa.

Some of the recommendations outlined in the *Pink Book* include:

- Sufficient access to profession-specific language training, skills upgrading and back to work mentoring and bridging programs for Immigrant and Visible Minority Women.
- Reverse the current government's decision to cut the Status of Women Canada's operating budget by 43%. Reinstating "equality" as the important part of the program. Increasing funding to the Status of Women by 25% as called for when Mrs. Kadis was Chair of the Status of Women Committee in 2005.
- Work in collaboration with the provinces to establish a federal poverty reduction strategy.
- Reinstating \$1 billion a year for five years to honour provincial and territorial agreements to provide a system of early learning and childcare nationwide and protecting the program with legislation.
- Re-invest the \$1,200 per year into the Canadian Child Tax Benefit.
- Implementation of pay equity legislation.
- Dividing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) of couple's income.
- Investing \$1 billion over five years for a National Caregiving Agenda.
- Extending the Canada Pension Plan drop-out provision to unpaid caregivers.

"I wholeheartedly support the recommendations made in the *Pink Book* and hope that the Government understands that these recommendations come from groups affected by cuts and lack of support". Kadis stated, "We have worked very hard to ensure that the equality and economic issues that affect all women are addressed".

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