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Susan Kadis Thornhill MP appointed Chair of Task Force on Security Fund for Communities-at-Risk

OTTAWA – Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion announced the creation of a caucus task force and appointed Susan Kadis Thornhill MP as Chair, to examine the implementation of a new fund that will help preserve the safety of ethno-cultural at-risk communities across Canada.

In recent years, we have seen schools, places of worship, community centres and religious day schools become the targets of hate-crimes. It's time for the federal government to work with these at-risk communities to protect them from these reprehensible actions.

The Task Force Chair, Susan Kadis, M.P. will hold consultations with communities in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

“Too often in recent years, numerous ethno-cultural communities in Canada have faced elevated risks from acts of hate and terror. In many instances, gurdwaras, mosques, churches, synagogues, community centres or religious day schools, now require additional security measures to function safely,” stated Mrs. Kadis.

Working with Liberal Caucus Members in each of these regions, the Task Force will study risks faced by various ethnic and religious minorities as well as the measures that should be considered that would assist in offsetting the costs of security for these communities.

“We look forward to meeting with communities, hearing from those who face these risks every day, and producing a report to our caucus on the best way to

protect these communities while better protecting the rights of all Canadians,” said Ms. Kadis. “Our leader and our party take this challenge very seriously.”

Members of the task force include:

- Susan Kadis, Chair, (Thornhill)
- Senator Mobina Jaffer ,Vice-Chair, (Vancouver)
- Sukh Dhaliwal (Newton-North Delta)
- Anita Neville (Winnipeg South Centre)
- Yasmin Ratansi (Don Valley East)
- Raymonde Folco (Laval—Les Îles)
- Michael Savage (Dartmouth-Cole Harbour)
- Senator Yoine Goldstein (Rigaud)

“A Liberal government would work quickly to establish a fund that would help at-risk communities cover the costs of security in their places of worship and gathering places,” said Mr. Dion. “I’ve asked my caucus to consult with these communities to find the best way to implement this commitment.”

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