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**CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF MESSAGE FOR THE CONFERENCE OF
DEFENCE ASSOCIATION'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

On the occasion of the Conference of Defence Association's 75th anniversary, I wish to congratulate all members, past and current, on their achievements. The CDA has been an important and essential voice for defence and security issues since its establishment 75 years ago.

Over the past decades, the CDA has made, and continues to make today, many positive contributions to the understanding that Government of Canada officials and the Canadian people have of issues and challenges facing the Canadian Forces. The CDA has been an impressive advocate for the Canadian Forces, helping it meet its challenges and fulfill its responsibilities by encouraging debate and recommending solutions. The influence of the CDA today can only be attributed to the reputation of excellence, devotion and commitment it has earned throughout the years.

The CDA has also helped bring Canadians closer to their men and women in uniform by promoting the work our men and women do on behalf of our country. The CDA's role of advocate and educator is an important one, for it cultivates an environment of understanding and support for the Canadian Forces. This support is vital, and much appreciated by our men and women in uniform.

I wish to thank you for your invaluable contributions to the fulfillment of the Canadian Forces' mission and roles, and your continued support to the men and women of the Canadian Forces.

Sincerely,

R.J. Hillier
General



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