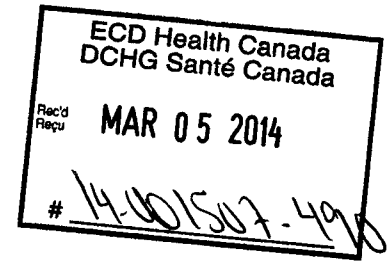




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February 26, 2014

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
Brooke Claxton Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Ambrose,

On behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, I would like to convey the Foundation's strong support for the nomination of Dr. Samuel Godefroy for FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission Chairperson.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is Canada's largest volunteer-based health charity dedicated to reducing the burden of heart disease and stroke. Our vision, healthy lives free of heart disease and stroke is achieved through priority foci on disease prevention, cardiac and stroke response, and survivor support. Within these priorities there is an emphasis on food and nutrition as key contributors to population health.

Canada is proud to be a founding member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and continues to support Codex's mandate to protect the health of consumers worldwide and ensure fair practices in the food trade. Canada's nomination of Dr. Godefroy demonstrates the continued commitment to facilitating an inclusive Codex process, providing impartial and collaborative leadership, as well as placing Codex at the forefront of regional and global initiatives.

In his current role as Director General, Food Directorate, Health Canada, Dr. Godefroy works collaboratively with stakeholders such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation to improve Canadian nutrition standards. In addition to his collaboration with Canadian food stakeholders, Dr. Godefroy has worked collectively on a variety of joint Codex initiatives. He contributed to the development of key Codex standards and has continuously fostered input and discussion from member stakeholders to achieve consensus.

We wish Canada all the best with the nomination. Dr. Godefroy's accomplishments in promoting food safety and quality domestically and internationally, and his high leadership potential makes him an outstanding candidate for the position of the Chairperson of FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Sincerely,

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President