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The Honourable Evan Solomon
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Dear Minister Solomon,

We are pleased to provide comments as part of ISED's public engagement consultation on the development of Canada's next AI strategy.

This submission is made on behalf of AccessPrivacy, a thought leadership platform established by the national Privacy and Data Management Team at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. As you may be aware, AccessPrivacy hosted an interactive online workshop on October 23, on the theme of building safe AI systems and strengthening public trust in AI. The workshop was designed both to assist the AI Task Force by serving as a thoughtful, interactive forum for public consultation, and to assist organizations and trade associations in framing their own submissions to ISED's consultation process.

The recording of the full session is available here for your consideration.

Over 360 privacy, policy and AI governance professionals across a breadth of industries attended the workshop, including representatives from federal and provincial governments, regulatory authorities, the private sector, the health sector, the broader public sector, academia, and leading AI research institutes. In addition, two members of the AI Task Force responsible for the Safety and Public Trust stream, **Joelle Pineau** (Chief AI Officer, Cohere) and **Doyin Adeyemi** (JD/MBA Candidate, University of Toronto and 1834 Fellow), as well as representatives from ISED, joined the workshop as observers.

The workshop consisted of a panel discussion moderated by **Adam Kardash** (Co-Chair of Osler's Privacy and Data Management Team and National Lead of AccessPrivacy) and included comments and insights from **Aaron Brindle** (Partner, Radical Ventures), **Simona Gandrabur** (AI Safety Studio Lead, Mila – Quebec AI Institute), **Cam Linke** (CEO, Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii)) and **Masoumeh Shafieinejad** (Applied Machine Learning Scientist – Privacy Enhancing Technologies, Vector Institute).

The workshop speakers considered the following broad topics during the discussion:

- Identification of key safety risks associated with the training, development and deployment of AI (**9:10 of the recording**). Both current and long-term risks were considered, ranging from specific technical risks to broad systemic/societal risks.

- Recommendations for how Canada's national AI strategy can shape frameworks, standards, regulations, and norms to address these principal challenges (**37:40 of the recording**).

The balance of the workshop consisted of a broader conversation moderated by **Adam Kardash** and **Éloïse Gratton** (Co-Chair of Osler's Privacy and Data Management Team), addressing questions and comments from workshop attendees. This discussion commenced at 1:12:35 of the recording, and we have attached all written questions and comments as an appendix to this submission. We are grateful to all participants (panelists and workshop attendees) for their thoughtful input.

Thank you for your consideration of the comments and suggestions raised in this workshop session.

Sincerely,

The AccessPrivacy & Osler Privacy and Data Management Team