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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF MANITOBA

As Premier of Manitoba, I am delighted to express support for the Third International Symposium on Hate on the Internet, conducted by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights and the Institute for International Affairs.

B'nai Brith Canada is at the forefront in confronting racism and hatred in all its forms in order to promote human rights worldwide. Indeed, efforts on behalf of the Manitoba Jewish community have substantially contributed to the quality of life of all our citizens. The challenges we face in the international arena in addressing extremism and terrorism have flourished on the internet and the urgent need for a collaborative effort between global partners to develop a plan of action is more salient today than ever before.

The tragic events of September 11 will be forever etched in our memories. As citizens and nations, we continue to reflect on the devastation and mourn the lives lost. However, as with other tragedies that have shaped our lives, something touching and extraordinary resulted -- we came together as people. In our communities, in places of worship, in shops and factories, across borders, and indeed around the globe, ordinary people joined together in a message of hope and solidarity. On the anniversary of this devastating event, it is especially fitting that we build on our collective desire to confront hatred and work together for a more peaceful and inclusive future, free of terror and hatred.

On behalf of the people of Manitoba, it is an honour to join with our friends around the world in support of this Symposium. We look forward to the outcome of the deliberations and wish B'nai Brith every success as it undertakes this tremendous task.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Doer".

Gary Doer