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Greetings from the Prime Minister

It is my distinct pleasure to join Ismailis in Canada and around the world in marking the 77th birthday of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan. Happy Salgirah Mubarak and Khushiali Mubarak!

Canada enjoys a special relationship with His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims. Our country's commitment to peace, pluralism and tolerance mirrors the Aga Khan's vision of a better world. These values have also shaped the success of Canada's thriving Ismaili Muslim community.

Given this strong bond, there could be no better home than Canada for the Global Centre for Pluralism. This ambitious endeavour, focused on promoting the value of pluralism around the globe, is an example of the Aga Khan's principled leadership. His laudable efforts have earned him global admiration and the distinction of being one of Canada's select honorary citizens.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my warmest congratulations to the Aga Khan on this special day. Please accept my best wishes for a blessed and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*