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Greetings from the Prime Minister

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to Ismaili Muslims in Canada and around the world on the occasion of Navroz. Coinciding with the March equinox, this time-honoured tradition heralds the beginning of a new year. For Ismaili Muslisms, this is a time of reflection and spiritual renewal.

I was recently honoured to host a visit from the spiritual leader of Ismaili Muslims, His Highness the Aga Khan. The deep bonds of friendship between our country and His Highness are founded on our shared democratic values and commitment to pluralism. These ties are strengthened by a thriving Ismaili Muslim community in Canada. Your success and contributions to our great country are a tribute to His Highness's benevolent leadership and Canada's vibrant pluralistic society.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, Laureen and I extend our best wishes for a joyous and peaceful Navroz.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada