

April 24, 2014

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
Brooke Claxton Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario
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**Re: Support for Dr. Samuel Godefroy's Nomination as the Canadian Candidate
for the Position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission**

Dear Minister Ambrose:

On behalf of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), I am pleased to provide our support for the nomination of Dr. Samuel Godefroy as Canada's nominee for the position of Chairperson of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Founded in 1910, the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) is the independent voice for public health in Canada with links to the international community. Our mission is to enhance the health of people in Canada and to contribute to a healthier and more equitable world.

As a founding member of Codex, Canada has been and continues to be a strong advocate of its mandate to protect the health of consumers worldwide and ensuring fair practices in the food trade. It is, therefore, only fitting that Dr. Godefroy, a Canadian leader in promoting food safety, food quality, nutrition and consumer protection domestically and internationally, should be nominated for the post of Codex Chairperson.

As an active member of the Codex community since 2003, and as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission since 2011, Dr. Godefroy brings a collaborative spirit and professional integrity to his interactions with various Codex members, leaders and other government officials. In all of CPHA's dealings with Dr. Godefroy, we have witnessed his personal commitment to establishing and maintaining science-driven and evidence-based standards by supporting the effective collaboration of all stakeholders through open dialogue.

CPHA fully supports Dr. Godefroy's nomination and wishes him success for he is an exemplary candidate for the position of Chairperson of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Sincerely,



Ian Culbert
Executive Director