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Ms. Jeanne Sarson
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Dear Ms. Sarson and Ms. MacDonald:

I am writing further to your electronic message of May 28, 2004, to the Honourable Jean Augustine, former Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Status of Women), regarding Canadian law that defines ritual abuse-torture as a human rights violation. I regret the delay in responding.

Status of Women Canada has a horizontal policy mandate and provides leadership in some areas, actively contributes to the development of high priority government policies led by other departments, and maintains a "watching brief" on specific issues to ensure gender sensitive approaches are adopted.

I note that you have sent a copy of your message the Honourable Irwin Cotler, Attorney General of Canada and Minister of Justice. As responsibility for Canadian law lies with the Department of Justice, I am certain Minister Cotler will appreciate being made aware of your concerns.

Status of Women Canada will continue to support the promotion of positive change for Canadian women and girls. Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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