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## APPENDIX B

### CBSC Decision 07/08-1703 CTV re an interview on *Question Period* (Bill C-10)

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#### The Complaint

A viewer sent a short complaint to the CRTC on June 2, 2008, which was forwarded to the CBSC:

I watched CTV's *Question Period* on Sunday June 1, 2008. I was very disgusted with them printing the full name of the movie they were discussing with the movie's director.

#### Broadcaster Response

CTV responded on June 27:

The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council has forwarded your correspondence for CTV's reply.

The title of the movie that you objected to was the subject of much controversy and received wide coverage on television, radio and print. CTV's *Question Period* is a national political affairs show that deals with a broad range of topical subjects. *Question Period* invited the director of the film on the show to debate the movie and the title that had been raised in Parliament and in the national media.

It would have been impossible to discuss the film without displaying the contentious title, although no one spoke the words that offended you.

We believe CTV acted responsibly and professionally in accordance with its mandate as a broadcaster. According to the *CAB Code of Ethics*, "it is recognized that the full, fair and proper presentation of news, opinion, comment and editorial is the prime and fundamental responsibility of the broadcast publisher". Likewise, the RTNDA Code recognizes the "responsibility of broadcast journalists to promote and to protect the freedom to report independently about matters of public interest and to present a wide range of expressions, opinions and ideas."

CTV is a member in good standing of the CBSC and adheres to its guidelines.

Thank you for taking the time to write with your concerns.

#### Additional Correspondence

The complainant filed her Ruling Request on August 19 with the following note:

*Question Period* was discussing a movie which in my opinion was offensive. I complained to the CRTC who forwarded the complaint to the CBSC and your office forwarded the complaint to CTV. The original complaint was assigned CBSC File C07/08-1703. [The Executive Producer] inadequately (in my opinion) handled my complaint by stating he felt it necessary to print in full the offensive word. I challenged his response and received no answer. I believe I submitted my response to [the Executive Producer] at the end of June or the beginning of July (I kept a copy of the e-mail but have no date). On August 1, 2008 I submitted my questions again to [the Executive Producer] and to date I have not received any response. This matter has not been resolved to my satisfaction therefore I am taking this one step further and reissuing my complaint. I realize the time mentioned to file a complaint has lapsed but I had no proof I responded to [the Executive Producer] at the end of June or beginning of July. I have proof of my resubmission to CTV August 1, 2008 in my attempt to gain a satisfactory response.