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## APPENDIX B

### CBSC Decision 10/11-0068 CITS-TV re *Word TV*

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#### The Complaint

The CBSC received the following letter dated September 10, 2010:

To whom it may concern,

August 15, 22 and 29, 11:00 pm, the gay and Muslim communities were generally denigrated in segments and episodes focussed on gay art, the proposed sex-ed curriculum of the Ontario and the erection of a WTC-area Mosque characterized on the show as being a Muslim batterground [*sic*] victory site rather than a place of worship.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Broadcaster Response

The broadcaster responded to the complainant on October 6:

Dear Mr. C.;

I have received your complaint concerning the Aug. 15/10, Aug. 22/10 and Aug. 29/10 broadcast of *Word.TV* on CTS TV. I have carefully reviewed these programs and offer the following comments.

*Word.TV* is a religious program focusing on issues of concern to the Evangelical Christian community. Your complaint against these shows is that the gay and Muslim communities were "generally denigrated" through the discussion of gay art, the sex ed. curriculum of the Ontario Ministry of Education and the proposed Mosque at ground zero in NYC. Your complaint fails to explain specifically what was said in these programs that you feel is denigrating to the gay and Muslim communities. After my review of our logger tapes of each program, I have found the following:

##### August 15/10 episode

- No mention of gay people
- No mention of gay art
- No mention of Muslim people
- No mention of the Mosque at WTC
- Mention the return of the sex curriculum to Ontario schools, but no mention of gay people or homosexuality or gay art.

##### August 22/10 episode

- No mention of gay people

- No mention of gay art
- No mention of the Ministry of Education sex ed. curriculum.
- Mention of terrorist acts by radical Islamic recognized terrorist organizations against Israel. Mentions that regular (non- terror group members) Muslims are peaceful and not terrorists and we need to love our Muslim neighbors. No denigration of the Muslim community.

August 29/10 episode

- No mention of gay people
- No mention of gay art
- No mention of the Ministry of Education sex ed. curriculum.
- Mention of terrorist acts by a radical extremist Islamic terrorist organization against at the World Trade Center on 9/11. The proposed Mosque at ground zero has been widely called a “Victory Mosque” by all major news outlets. The host explains why many people consider this to be a “Victory Mosque”. The host shares his research findings and video of radical extremists showing the victory sign as they watch news coverage of the fall of the twin towers to back up what is widely believed to be a “Victory Mosque” at ground zero. The host’s comments are based on factual information.

I did not find any evidence of the gay community or the Muslim community being denigrated in any these programs.

### **Additional Correspondence**

The complainant filed his Ruling Request using the CBSC’s standard form on October 6. The complainant did not include any additional information.