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Mr. Ronald I. Cohen  
National Chair  
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Dear Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for providing the Commission with the 2004/2005 Annual Report of the CBSC, in accordance with the expectation that such reports be filed annually as set out in Public Notice CRTC 1991-90, *Canadian Broadcast Standards Council*. Commission staff is currently reviewing the details of the report and will be following up with you shortly regarding any specific questions or comments that they may have.

In the meantime, I'd like to commend the CBSC on its success in reducing the length of time it takes to deliver its decisions and for its stated goal of further accelerating the processing of files and decisions over the coming year. This is particularly impressive given that 2004/2005 was unprecedented in terms of the number of complaints received and decisions rendered. Moreover, to be able to accomplish this in the face of the diverse range of concerns raised in these many complaints points to the high level of dedication and expertise employed by the CBSC panels and staff in the provision of a consistent level of valued guidance to the broadcast industry.

I also note the extensive outreach activities undertaken by the Council and the National Chair that are outlined in your report. Such activities are important to help increase the level of awareness and understanding of broadcast standards not only among private broadcasters, but also among all Canadians, including those from our many multicultural and Aboriginal communities. In this regard, the Council's plans to issue a set of Annotated Codes, interpretive bulletins and a new PSA for radio and television broadcast over the coming year represent important initiatives for realizing this important aspect of the CBSC's mandate.

Yours sincerely,

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