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***Sent on behalf of Senator Yonah Martin, deputy
government leader of the Government in the Senate of
Canada***

Dearest Veterans,

On this day that marks the 65th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, please accept our deepest gratitude to you and all those who served, and those who sacrificed their lives to protect the Republic of Korea from communist aggression. I thank you on behalf of the Senate of Canada and the National Korean Canadian community.

Please find below Statements issued by me and the Hon. Erin O'Toole, Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada

With sincere gratitude and respect,

Senator Yonah Martin
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate

Envoyé au nom de la sénatrice Yonah Martin :

Chers anciens combattants,

En cette journée qui marque le soixante-cinquième anniversaire du début de la guerre de Corée, nous offrons notre plus sincère reconnaissance à tous ceux qui ont servi et fait l'ultime sacrifice, afin de protéger la République de Corée contre l'agression communiste. Je vous remercie au nom du Sénat du Canada et de la communauté coréenne-canadienne nationale.

Veillez trouver ci-dessous les déclarations publiée par mon bureau et l'honorable Erin O'Toole, ministre des Anciens Combattants Canada.

Avec sincère gratitude et respect,

Sénatrice Yonah Martin

Leader adjointe du gouvernement au Sénat

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Government of Canada marks 65th anniversary of the start of the Korean War

OTTAWA, June 25, 2015 - The Honourable Erin O'Toole, Minister of Veterans Affairs, today issued the following statement to mark the 65th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

"Today we pause to remember the start of the Korean War, which began on June 25, 1950.

"The outbreak of war in Korea came just five short years after the end of the Second World War, and tens of thousands of Canadians, yet again, answered the call in the name of freedom.

"Canada and South Korea share a strong relationship that was forged during our joint defence of peace and democracy.

"Our relationship is built on trade, education, people-to-people ties and shared remembrance for the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served during the Korean War."

Le gouvernement du Canada souligne le 65^e anniversaire du début de la guerre de Corée

OTTAWA, le 25 juin 2015 - L'honorable Erin O'Toole, ministre des Anciens Combattants, a fait la déclaration suivante aujourd'hui pour souligner le 65^e anniversaire du début de la guerre de Corée :

« Aujourd'hui, nous prenons le temps de nous souvenir du début de la guerre de Corée, le 25 juin 1950.

« La guerre a éclaté en Corée à peine cinq ans après la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, et des dizaines de milliers de Canadiens ont répondu à l'appel une fois de plus au nom de la liberté.

« Le Canada et la Corée du Sud entretiennent une relation solide qui s'est développée lorsque nous avons défendu conjointement la paix et la démocratie.

« Notre relation est fondée sur le commerce, l'éducation, les relations humaines, les liens interpersonnels et le souvenir commun des sacrifices qui ont été faits par les valeureux hommes et femmes qui ont servi pendant la guerre de Corée. »

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STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN ON THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR

“Today is a day to reflect and commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. Canadians, Koreans and allied nations will be honouring the service of Korean War Veterans and the sacrifices made during the Korean War. The bravery and accomplishments of our veterans in Korea are recognized today, and will never be forgotten.

“It was on June 25, 1950 that the communist forces from the North invaded the southern half of the Korean peninsula. Without hesitation, 26,791 Canadian men and women volunteered to leave their families, their homes and country to defend democracy and protect people in a faraway unknown country.

“Today, Canadians from coast to coast proudly remember the real life heroes of the Korean War who bravely upheld democracy and the rule of law; and marvel at the remarkable country Korea has become.

“We also remember the 1,500 Canadian casualties during the War, including 516 Canadian servicemen who died; 378 of whom are at rest in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan. However, these losses were not in vain. Today, as a result of the service and sacrifices of

Canadians and the United Nations Forces, the Republic of Korea is a prosperous and thriving country.

“Many Korean Canadians, like myself, might not be alive today had it not been for the sacrifices of our beloved veterans. Canada and Korea are forever grateful, and will never forget the service of Korean War Veterans who protected the people of Korea from communist tyranny. Canadians and Koreans are indebted to these men and women, who, in the prime of their youth, served to preserve global peace and defend fundamental human rights.

"Today's anniversary begins the 65th Anniversary of the Korean War years. From now until July 27, 2018 Canadians and Koreans alike will commemorate key battles of the War, and special milestones like hockey played on the frozen Imjin River. There will also be special initiatives to pay tribute to the legacy of our Veterans, so that their sacrifices are always remembered, and never forgotten.

“We will remember them.

“Lest we forget”