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The CCO Board of Directors Announces the Appointment of a New Executive Director

Ottawa, January 21st 2019 – The Board of Directors of the Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario (CCO) announces today the appointment of Mr. Julien Geremie as the new Executive Director.

Following the announcement of the departure of Mr. Luc Morin in December, the Board of Directors has made the decision to ensure that the change of Executive Director be as professional as possible, with respect to the standard procedures of the organization. Mr. Geremie, who was already appointed to act as interim, was the ideal candidate to take on the duties of Executive Director.

A CCO employee since 2010, Mr. Geremie began his career with the organization as a Development Officer - Eastern Region in Ottawa before becoming Director of Development in 2013 and Deputy Executive Director in 2017. Having lived in four countries and four Canadian provinces, Mr. Geremie is a person who likes challenges. When he started with the CCO in 2010, the organization was in a process of restructuring. Today, he finds himself leading an organization with an excellent financial health, a renewed strategic plan and a very good reputation in Ontario, across Canada and around the world. Holder of a Master's degree in Political Science (International Studies) from the University of Montreal, Mr. Geremie had the opportunity to work in all regions of Ontario and participated in the fortification of the organization.

"It's a whole new era that begins for our organization with the arrival of Mr. Geremie as Executive Director. Our Board of Directors has noted his exemplary work and passion for cooperation, which is why we felt he would be the best person to help us achieve the goals of our new strategic plan. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank Mr. Luc Morin for his ten years of service with our organization and I welcome Mr. Geremie, " said Hosni Zaouali, President of the CCO.

The executive transition went efficiently during the month of January. For Mr. Geremie, it was done brilliantly because he already mastered all of the organization's engagements.



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"It's a privilege for me to find myself at the head of this organization that I had the opportunity to consolidate with my colleague Luc Morin. I am very proud of the work that has been done so far and I can assure you that the best is yet to come", said Julien Geremie. "My vision is clear, I want to turn Ontario into a global showcase for social, cooperative and community innovation. I know we currently have the most talented team to do just that."

Mr. Geremie takes office as Executive Director on January 21, 2019. The CCO welcomes him and wishes Mr. Morin good luck in his new leadership position with the *Société économique de l'Ontario*, a member organization and partner of the CCO.

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About the Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario:

The Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario is the organization of choice for education, promotion, collaboration and advisory services to ensure the sustainable development of French-language and Bilingual cooperatives and social enterprises in Ontario. The CCO serves the community from its four offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Sudbury and Temiskaming Shores.

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