

*Recession Relief Fund Declaration: With a recession under way, the need for services provided by the front line agencies serving Canada's most vulnerable will increase. We call on the Federal Government to immediately create a Recession Relief Fund which will include:*

- *preventing spending cuts to public and private not for profit agencies serving vulnerable people including children, youth, families, immigrants, those who are homeless, un/under-employed, senior citizens, people who are disabled and those suffering from mental illness. (some funding programs are set to expire March 31,2009)*
- *increase funding to all HRSDC (Human Resources and Social Development Canada)and settlement programs, including doubling the existing level of funding being provided through the HPI (Homeless Partnerships Initiatives) program to supplement funding that is projected to be lost from private sector sources and increase funding levels as required.*
- *In addition, we call upon the Federal Government to invest a portion of proposed infrastructure spending on social infrastructure by implementing a fully funded National Housing Program*

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