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## Statement by the Honourable Claudette Tardif

### Senator for Alberta

January 22, 2018 – I will retire from the Senate of Canada February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. It was an honour and a privilege to sit as a member of the Senate of Canada for more than twelve years and to represent the province of Alberta.

I was fortunate to occupy various positions during my time in the Senate, such as Deputy Leader of the Opposition for more than six years, Chair of the Senate Official Languages Committee, and a member of several other committees. I am particularly proud of my contributions toward the advancement of the “francophonie” in Alberta and throughout Canada, and to have contributed to important reports for the Senate Official Languages, Agriculture and Forestry, and Senate Modernization committees. It was an honour to serve with exceptional Canadians from across the country.

Being Chair of the Canada-France Interparliamentary Association for seven years and Vice-Chair thereafter gave me the exceptional opportunity to work with outstanding Canadian and French parliamentary colleagues on important issues affecting our respective countries.

As a new chapter in my life is set to begin, I look forward to spending more time with my family and friends and to remaining engaged with my community. I will continue to contribute to causes that are close to my heart – the “francophonie”, post-secondary education and certain human rights issues.

I would like to sincerely thank Prime Minister Paul Martin for appointing me to the Senate in 2005.

I will always be thankful for the many unforgettable moments I experienced in the Senate of Canada. It was truly an honour to serve our country as a Senator.