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Regulatory Body Warns the Public to Be Vigilant of Immigration Scams

Fraud Prevention Month Campaign Aims to Increase Reporting to Law Enforcement

BURLINGTON, March 9, 2016 – March is Fraud Prevention Month in Canada and the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) is encouraging the public to be aware of unscrupulous immigration practices from individuals posing as authorized immigration service providers. The regulatory body reminds consumers that federal law requires anyone providing Canadian immigration or citizenship advice for a fee or other consideration must be a member in good standing of a provincial or territorial law society (a lawyer or an authorized paralegal in Ontario), the Chambre des notaires du Québec, or ICCRC. Anyone providing any immigration or citizenship services, who is not a member of one of these organizations, is acting in contravention of the law and should be reported.

“It is important that as consumers we be vigilant and protect ourselves,” said Christopher Barry, interim President and CEO of ICCRC. “If something seems too good to be true, it probably is, so we ask for the public’s help to ensure that immigrants find safe passage to Canada and that illegal operators be stopped and brought to justice.”

ICCRC recommends people who seek immigration or citizenship advice visit the “Find a Professional” page on ICCRC’s website (www.icccrc-crcic.ca) to determine whether an immigration consultant is a lawful practitioner. Illegal activity should be reported by calling the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Border Watch Toll-Free Line at 1-888-502-9060.

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About ICCRC

Designated by the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, ICCRC is the national regulatory body that governs Canadian immigration and citizenship consultants as well as international student advisors. The *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) and the *Citizenship Act* stipulate that persons, who provide immigration or citizenship advice for a fee or other consideration, must be regulated by ICCRC as Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs) or Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIAs). Exceptions are members in good standing of provincial or territorial law societies or the Chambre des notaires du Québec.