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Dr. Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko will join Canada's Official Delegation to the 67th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

March 6, 2023 (Toronto, Ontario) - Dr. Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko is joining Canada's official delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as a civic society delegate. The UN Commission on the Status of Women is the principal commission dedicated to advancing gender equality through the empowerment of women globally. Now in its 67th session, the Commission will meet at UN Headquarters in New York, NY to discuss this year's primary theme: innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality.

Dr. Vingilis-Jaremko is a scientist who is recognized for championing gender equity in science, technology, trades, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In 1992, she founded the Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS), an award-winning, national not-for-profit that supports interest in STEM among girls, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming youth. She is also President of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWESTT), a national coalition of organizations and individuals that advocate for a gender equitable, diverse, and inclusive Canadian science, engineering, trades, and technology sector.

"I am honoured to join the official Canadian delegation to the United Nations Commission on Status of Women. Girls, women, and gender diverse individuals continue to face barriers in their education and careers. I am pleased to have this opportunity to work together and advance gender equality internationally, with a focus on this year's priority theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age."

Dr. Vingilis-Jaremko has received numerous honours for her work and is regularly consulted by corporations, NGOs, and governments for her expertise in STEM communication and in supporting underrepresented groups in STEM. As part of her role at the UN, she will be advising and providing expertise on this year's theme by participating in meetings and briefings, liaising with national and international delegates, and communicating the results of the session. She will be joined by other official delegates including government members such as the Honourable Marci Len and other civil society representatives.

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****INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE****

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About the Canadian Association for Girls in Science

Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS) is Canada's largest and longest-running not-for-profit STEM club for girls, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming youth aged 7-16. It has been lauded for its excellence in science promotion by the prestigious Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion and the WCT Empowerment Award for leadership in inspiring girls to enter STEM. CAGIS has been featured in municipal, national, and international media and is grateful to have received funding from provincial and federal governments, corporations, scientific societies, and foundations. www.GirlsInScience.ca

About the Canadian Coalition for Women in Engineering, Science, Technology and Trades

Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWESTT), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1992, is a national coalition of organizations and individuals that champion gender equity in STEM. The coalition builds alliances and partnerships, acts as a resource hub, and advocates with a strong, unified voice. Members include large, well-known organizations, colleges, universities, licensing bodies, and science centres. Conferences additionally engage all levels of government. CCWESTT serves over 500,000 individuals through its network. www.ccwestt.org