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Dear Readers,

I am proud to announce that for the first time, the National Council of Welfare will release the latest findings of its signature publication, *Poverty Profile*, in a series of short, easy-to-read bulletins. These bulletins aim to provide you with a better understanding of poverty in Canada.

We report on the state of the nation in 2007 as this is the latest data available from Statistics Canada. The bulletins show the progress that was made (or not) during good economic times, and they provide a useful picture of where Canada stood on the brink of the recession. They also help us understand the challenges that we will face once the recession is over.

Turn to the new *Poverty Profile* bulletins to learn about:

- national and provincial poverty trends
- poverty trends by family type
- depth of poverty
- duration of poverty
- sources of income of people living in poverty
- the working poor
- income inequality
- high-risk groups

I hope you find the *Poverty Profile* bulletins to be a useful resource. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the work of the Council. Together, we can find the energy and determination to solve poverty in Canada.

Yours truly,

John Rook
Chairperson

