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I am pleased to offer a few words as you gather for the *8th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment & Prevention*.

I want to first commend the organizers – the International AIDS Society and the BC Centre of Excellence in HIV/AIDS and the Province of British Columbia – for playing host and putting together a remarkable programme.

Over the last several days, delegates have attended presentations by leading scientists from Canada and countries around the world. You have shared the latest advances in our understanding of HIV, in preventing new infections, and in treatment. You have heard the stories of people living with HIV.

I trust that delegates will come away from this event with new information and insights, new friends and collaborators, and, most importantly, renewed inspiration and energy to continue our work to end this epidemic.

The Government of Canada is working right along side you. We remain committed to working in partnership with provinces and territories, community organizations and other sectors to deliver sustained, consistent and evidence-based programming to address HIV and AIDS. We will continue to invest in research, surveillance and public health programs to address HIV and AIDS.

Together we can look forward with optimism to achieving our common goal of ending the epidemic and improving the lives of those living with HIV.

To all delegates, I wish you every success as you continue your important work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rona Ambrose".

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