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Ontario's Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian Named as one of the Top 25 Women of Influence

TORONTO – Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, was honoured today by Women of Influence Inc. with an award marking her selection as one of Canada's most influential women.

This announcement follows in the footsteps of Commissioner Cavoukian's award in 2007 from the Women's Executive Network as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada. Cited as a "Trailblazer and Trendsetter," the Commissioner was lauded for her proactive and innovative work in the protection of privacy.

Women of Influence Inc., in its first annual list of the Top 25 Women of Influence, named the Commissioner today as one of the honourees for her groundbreaking work in protecting privacy. Commissioner Cavoukian, who has won a number of awards both in Canada and internationally, is recognized as one of the leading privacy experts in the world. The purpose of the Top 25 is to provide national recognition to Canada's top female leaders, whose successful achievements have made positive contributions to Canada and the world. In its first year, the Top 25 Women of Influence will highlight the achievements of 25 women across Canada in the Winter Issue of the Women of Influence Magazine.

"I am deeply honoured at being included in this distinguished group of women, and hope to shine greater attention to the pursuit of preserving our freedoms, which are built upon a bedrock of privacy," said Commissioner Cavoukian.

"I applaud Women of Influence Inc. for their ongoing work in drawing attention to the outstanding accomplishments of Canadian women. I believe it is important to share these success stories to inspire our next generation of female leaders."

Serving an unprecedented third term as Commissioner, Commissioner Cavoukian is an avowed believer in the role that technology can play in protecting privacy. Commissioner Cavoukian's leadership has seen her office develop a number of tools and procedures to ensure that privacy is protected in Ontario – and around the world. Commissioner Cavoukian is well known for her creation of "*Privacy by Design*" – the requirement to proactively embed privacy directly into technologies, accountable business practices, and networked infrastructure, as the default condition.

- More information on the Top 25 Women of Influence can be found at: <http://members.womenofinfluenceinc.ca/top-25>
- To learn more about Commissioner Cavoukian please visit: www.ipc.on.ca/english/About-Us/About-The-Commissioner/



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