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Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian named as one of Canada's Top 100 most powerful women

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

The Women's Executive Network, in its annual list of the top 100 most powerful women in Canada, named the Commissioner as one of the honourees in the "Trailblazers and Trendsetters" category for her groundbreaking work in protecting privacy. Dr. 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.

"I feel very honoured to have my name linked with the distinguished Canadian women who were given this award," said the Commissioner. "I want to salute the Women's Executive Network for its ongoing work in drawing attention to the outstanding accomplishments of Canadian women in so many walks of life."

Dr. Cavoukian, Ontario's first Information and Privacy Commissioner to be re-appointed to a second term, joined the office during its start-up phase 20 years ago, was appointed Assistant Commissioner in 1990 and became Commissioner in 1997. She has also played very prominent roles on a number of international committees and working with international organizations.

A firm believer in the role that technology can play in protecting privacy, Dr. Cavoukian and her office, often in conjunction with major corporations, have developed a long list of tools, policy papers and other material that both government organizations and the private sector can use to protect privacy. Her mantra of "privacy by design" has now become part of the lexicon, in seeking technology-based solutions to protecting privacy.

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