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**THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS, QUEBEC REGION IS PROUD TO  
CO-SPONSOR, WITH ORGANIZERS OF THE ACTION WEEK AGAINST  
RACISM, THE CANADIAN DEBUT OF "CARTOONING FOR PEACE"**

MONTREAL - To celebrate the 10th edition of the Action Week against Racism (AWAR) Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region (CJC, RQ) and Images Interculturelles are pleased to present the Canadian debut of "Cartooning for Peace", the internationally renowned political animation exhibition which will run from March 12th to the 22nd at Outremont's Centre Communautaire Intergénérationnel.

*Le Monde* cartoonist Plantu and Israel's Kichka, honorary presidents of the Montreal exhibit, will be on hand to greet over 200 guests expected to attend the official launch tomorrow. CFP features almost 50 forceful, penetrating and thought provoking cartoons by artists from around the world, including Kichka, Plantu and Palestine's Khalil Abu Arafah. "The ironic pencil strokes of Plantu, Kichka, Willem, Khalil Abu Arafah and others awaken our social conscience. Their drawings define the contours of pluralism, openness and tolerance" said CJC, QR president Victor Goldbloom.

As Plantu puts it, the caricature is a sketch of thought and a barometer of freedom of speech. It allows one to pass messages of tolerance and peace that transcend linguistic barriers. "Through this exhibition, CJC, QR, AWAR and Images Interculturelles will present a model for cultural dialogue that is reflective of Quebec's commitment to respect for diversity and peaceful coexistence" Goldbloom added.

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