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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking Colombia's 206th anniversary of independence.

Canada and Colombia have a warm and long-standing relationship based on trade, multilateral cooperation and dialogue, and our bonds have been strengthened by the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. Our friendship and cultural ties are also continually renewed by the thousands of Canadians who trace their roots to Colombia.

Today's flag raising ceremony offers a chance to reflect on the events that have shaped the history of Colombia and to celebrate its many achievements. The occasion is also ideal to highlight the contributions Colombian Canadians have made, and continue to make, to our country in all fields of endeavour.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada

