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**Toronto, ONTARIO** – An Ipsos-Reid/Globe and Mail/CTV poll released today, indicates that while a majority of residents believe that over the last three months the Federal government has done enough to provide airline and airport security for travelers (54%) and to tighten up security at the border between Canada and the United States (53%), there are still concerns among the Canadian public regarding the screening of immigrants coming into the country.

Only one-quarter (23%) of Canadians say that the government has done enough to make sure that immigrants to Canada are properly screened for potential terrorism activities. In fact, seven-in-ten (69%) believe that the Federal government has not done enough in this area. While only 5% say that too much has been done to screen immigrants.

*These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/Globe and Mail/CTV poll conducted between December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,000 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled.*

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*The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1996 Census data.*

A majority (54%) of residents believe that over the last three months the Federal government has done enough to provide airline and airport security for travelers, while one-third (35%) say that not enough has been done for security at airports and on flights. Just 7% say that too much as been done in this area.

- Residents of Quebec (63%) are more likely to say that enough has been done. Residents of Atlantic Canada (55%), Ontario (53%), Saskatchewan/Manitoba (53%) and Alberta (50%) follow. British Columbians (45%) are less likely to feel this way.
- Women (37%) are more likely than men (32%) to say that not enough has been done in this area.

Half (53%) of Canadians believe that the Federal government has done enough to tighten security along the Canada - United States border. One-third (33%) feel that not enough has been done in this area, while one-in-ten (10%) believe that too much has been done.

- Residents of Saskatchewan and Manitoba (59%) are more likely than others to say that enough has been done to tighten the border, while their neighbours in Alberta (37%) are least likely to express this view. In fact, Albertans (41%) are the most likely to say that not enough has been done in this area.
- Middle aged (54%) and younger (53%) Canadians are more likely than older (49%) Canadians to believe enough has been done.



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- Residents of Atlantic Canada (27%), Quebec (26%) and Alberta (24%) are more likely to feel that enough has been done in the screening of immigrants. While those in Ontario (22%), Saskatchewan/Manitoba (19%) and British Columbia (18%) are less likely.
- Younger (27%) Canadians are more likely than their middle aged (22%) or older (19%) counterparts to feel that enough has been done. While the opposite pattern holds for those who say not enough has been done. Older (75%) Canadians are more likely than those middle aged (71%) or younger (62%) to say this.
- Men and women are as likely to say that enough (Men - 24%; Women - 22%) or not enough (Women - 70%; Men - 68%) has been done in this area.

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