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Toronto, ON – According to a new national survey of Canadians conducted by Ipsos-Reid for CTV/Globe and Mail, a majority of Canadians (56%) approve of the marriage of Camilla Parker Bowles to Prince Charles – but one in four (24%) say they disapprove.

While a majority of Canadians may be accepting to Camilla and Charles's upcoming nuptials, two-thirds (65%) think she should decline the title of Queen and take another title that is less regal if the situation presents itself. And indeed it may ultimately be a less regal title if half of Canadians had a say – as 51% believe Prince Charles should skip his place in line for the throne as King and instead pass the reign to his son Prince William.

And, in the end, most Canadians would like to see a national divorce from the Monarchy in Canada's future: Fifty-five percent agree with the statement that "when Queen Elizabeth's reign ends, Canada should end its formal ties to the British Monarch" – a rise of 7 points from the 48% who thought this in October of 2002.

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/ CTV/The Globe And Mail poll conducted from April 5th to April 7th, 2005. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1000 adult Canadians were interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the aggregate results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within each sub-



grouping of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 2001 Census data.

Majority (56%) Approve Of The Marriage Of Camilla Parker Bowles To Prince Charles – But One In Four (24%) Disapprove...

Most Canadians (56%) approve of the marriage of Camilla Parker Bowles to Prince Charles (27% strongly/30% somewhat), but one-quarter (24%) disapprove (16% strongly/8% somewhat). Of remaining Canadians, 18% say they don't care, and a further 2% "don't know".

- Approval is highest in British Columbia (64%).
- Apathy towards the marriage is highest in Quebec, where 29% say they "do not care".

If Offered, Two-Thirds (65%) Feel Camilla Should Decline The Title Of Queen And Take A Less Regal Title...

One-quarter of Canadians (26%) think Camilla should take the title of Queen as she may be entitled to it as a result of her marriage to Prince Charles. However, two-thirds (65%) feel she should decline the title of Queen and take another title that is less regal.

Seven percent of Canadians say they don't care either way, and a further 3% don't know.

- Younger Canadians age 18-34 are the most likely to believe Camilla should take the title of Queen (31% vs. 24% among those aged 35 and over).
- Men are significantly more likely than women to believe Camilla should take the tile of Queen (30% vs. 22%).



Half (51%) Feel Prince Charles Should Skip His Place In Line For The Throne And Pass The Reign To His Son Prince William...

Half (51%) believe that “Prince Charles should skip his place in line for the throne as King and instead pass the reign of King to his son Prince William”, 44% do not think he should do this. The remaining 5% of Canadians “don’t know”.

But, In The End, Most (55%) Are Looking For A National Divorce From The Monarchy When Queen Elizabeth’s Reign Ends – Up 7 Points From 2002 (48%)...

Most Canadians (55%) agree with the statement that “when Queen Elizabeth’s reign ends, Canada should end its formal ties to the British Monarchy” (39% strongly/16% somewhat) – this is up 7 points from the 48% who agreed with this statement in October 2002.

Four in ten Canadians (42%) disagree with this statement (23% strongly/19% somewhat). The remaining 3% of Canadian’s “don’t know”.

- Since the last sounding of this question in 2002, the biggest upward movement in the proportion who agrees with this statement has been among residents of Alberta (54%, +18 points), followed by Ontario (47, +12 points), Atlantic Canada (48%, +5 points) and British Columbia (48%, +5 points), Quebec (76%, +2 points), and Saskatchewan/Manitoba (49%, + 1 point).

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