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Said Mortaza Zeewari, son of Afghan immigrants fleeing war and chaos, was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He grew up there and in 2004 moved to Toronto with his family, who were seeking better economic opportunities. He speaks French, English, as well as Dari. He



holds a Master degree from York University, Glendon College in Public and International Affairs as well as a Master II from IEP Strasbourg in Etudes Européens et Internationales – Histoire des Relations Internationales et Processus d’Intégration Européenes.

A proud member of the CHRIO family, Said has humbly led and participated in two of CHRIO’s most recent policy-proposals – The “Regularization Project” as well as the “Addressing the Rights of Skilled Immigrants” project, having lobbied for the policy prescriptions found in the latter in front of the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Refugees, His Honorable John McCallum with tact, diplomacy, and conviction.

Said has always been led by the desire to impact the world around him positively. He found in the Canadian Human Rights International Organization the opportunity to work on the causes he most cared about, namely assisting immigrants and refugees in integrating into Canadian life as well as addressing human rights concerns relayed to him from all over the world. During his travel to the United Arab Emirates, Said witnessed first-hand the contrast between the lavish and glamorous lifestyles of a few individuals and the pitiful and indecent situation that many individuals, mostly expatriate workers, faced. His latest effort is thus to expand the vision and mission of CHRIO, centered on the establishment and respect of human rights, to the countries of the Gulf.

Although familial and professional obligations take on most of his time, Said is willing to address the individuals from Canada and around the world who relate to him their pleas for justice. For him, serving humanity is an honor that he constantly strives to be deemed deserving of.

“If I help one person to have hope, will not have lived in vain” Martin Luther King Jr.

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