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Good day, Mr./Ms. Chair,

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to Canada's commitment to implement the landmark 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals, both at home and abroad, and to support global efforts to ensure that no one is left behind.

The Sustainable Development Goals seek to address the key challenges facing the world's most vulnerable people. Among other goals, the SDGs aim to reduce poverty and hunger, to ensure healthy lives, to lower inequality, and to bring clean water and quality education. That is why, internationally, Canada is re-focusing its international assistance on the poorest and most vulnerable that are at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals. This includes significant support in areas such as maternal, newborn and child health, and HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Canada has also committed \$2.65 billion over five years to help developing countries tackle climate change. Canada has also launched a comprehensive review of its international assistance. We are seeking input not only from Canadians, including Indigenous peoples, but from a wide range of partners around the world. Our aim is to re-orient the way we partner and deliver development so that we can best support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda globally.

At home, Canada is supporting the Sustainable Development Goals by:

- Investing \$120 billion in infrastructure over the next decade;
- Investing in children and youth;
- Striving to reduce inequalities;
- Addressing climate change and environmental issues; and,
- Renewing the nation-to-nation, government-to-government and Inuit-to-Crown relationships with Indigenous Peoples; including committing to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in accordance with Canada's Constitution and laws.

Canada has also budgeted historic investments of \$8.4 billion over five years in support of initiatives in education, infrastructure, training and other programs which will directly contribute to improved socio-economic conditions for Indigenous peoples.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.