Canada appreciates the efforts of all four Co-Facilitators in convening this joint session. Clarifying the relationship between the FfD and post-2015 processes is critical for our work moving forward.

The Post-2015 Development Agenda has the potential to be transformative, in large part, because it brings together the three dimensions of sustainable development into one comprehensive framework. But to be truly transformative, the outcomes of the Financing for Development process should become an integral part of that framework.

To be clear, Canada believes that the FfD outcome document should serve as the MoI pillar of the post-2015 agenda. As Ambassador Talbot said last week, and as echoed by you this morning, the special significance of the FfD Conference lies in its relation to the post-2015 development agenda.

It is important to remember that the timing of the Conference was deliberate to realize a very specific objective: to galvanize global support for the post-2015 development agenda. Our focus this week and going forward should be on how we can effectively incorporate the FfD outcome, as agreed in Addis, in the post-2015 agenda, to ensure that this key element is given the prominence it deserves.

In our view, this could be done by endorsing the FfD document in its entirety, in the Post-2015 Outcome. This could be accomplished by a mechanism as simple as adding a brief reference to the final Summit outcome document affirming that the Addis Ababa Accord sets out the essential means of implementation for the Post-2015 Agenda. This would send a clear message about exactly what is needed to deliver on the post-2015 agenda.
In recent weeks, we have heard some remarks indicating that means of implementation which are not highlighted in the Addis outcome could then be raised in the Post-2015 process. In Canada’s view, the structure of the FfD zero draft already aligns with Goal 17, and the other MoI targets contained in the OWG report. With this in mind, we have difficulty understanding what elements are missing, and why we would need to have a parallel MoI discussion in the post-2015 process. If, however, there are such specific concerns, we would strongly recommend that they be detailed this week so they can inform the co-facilitators’ revised draft of the Financing for Development outcome document.

Integrating Financing for Development commitments into the Post-2015 Agenda will also enable us to put in place a single, coherent and comprehensive monitoring and accountability mechanism. We will share further thoughts on this point and on global partnership later this week.

We look forward to a constructive week of discussion and look to the Co-Facilitators for their continued strong guidance and leadership in ensuring that we reach our collective objective of a coherent and implementable agenda.

Thank you.