As a first point, we believe that a discussion on a potential “follow up and review” mechanism for FfD may be premature as fundamentally, this issue should not be disconnected from the broader conversation on follow-up and review during the May session. As we stressed earlier in the week, we see FfD as the implementation mechanism for post-2015, and therefore believe that any follow-up and review mechanism related to Means of Implementation should constitute an integral part of the broader post-2015 monitoring and review framework. We strongly believe that designing a single system – that builds upon existing accountability mechanisms – would help to ensure a more efficient and coherent process.

Looking at follow-up and review more broadly, a strong framework will have many benefits, including enhancing the effectiveness of implementation. There is emerging consensus around many of the principles that should underpin a system of follow-up and review, including: knowledge exchange, national ownership, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency and inclusiveness.

These principles apply both to what we are doing (ie. the SDGs) and how we will do it (ie. the MOIs). Designing a single system that applies these principles to both will help to ensure a more efficient, coherent and predictable structure.

There is also wide-spread recognition of the need for quality, timely, disaggregated data that is supported by enhanced statistical capacity. There should be coordinated efforts to strengthen capacity for data gathering and analysis. Canada has started working with other key actors to ensure that this effort is underway even as we move toward agreement on both FfD and the Post-2015 Agenda.
With so many moving parts, alignment, coherence, and the establishment of a robust monitoring and review system will not be easy. In order to ensure a strong monitoring framework, we must work to define the parameters of a single, comprehensive follow-up and review system. The May negotiating session will be the key opportunity to solidify our ideas in order to design a road map for success.