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ADDRESSING CANADA'S DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES FOR CSD 15

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Mr. Chairman,

Canada is pleased with the depth and breadth of discussions over the past two weeks. We are well on our way to enriching the sessions of the Commission, and I would like to commend the Secretariat for its hard work. I would also like to thank colleagues who brought their case studies and best practices to the Partnership Fair, Learning Centre, and Side Events, and their expertise to the panels and debates.

At CSD 14, we have identified various barriers to implementation, and in doing so have identified a variety of issues that need further refinement at the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, in order that we may successfully address them at CSD 15.

We note that we must work within the context of our natural resource endowments, with a view to increasing access to energy services that are reliable, affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable, and environmentally sound.

Canada recognizes that addressing issues of energy for sustainable development, climate change, air pollution and industrial development is essential to poverty eradication.

Some barriers, particularly systemic ones such as inadequate governance structures, are the primary responsibility of national governments. Others, such as lack of financing, infrastructural deficiencies, and old and inefficient technologies, require the collective efforts of government, industry and civil society.

Further work is needed to identify sustainable development policies to address systemic issues, and to foster enabling environments that provide clear market signals. ODA can help in this regard, with a catalytic contribution to help create the certainty necessary for long-term economic transformation. This encourages the private sector investment - including foreign direct investment - that is so vital to scaling up efforts.

Innovative implementation vehicles, such as public-private partnerships, have a role to play in advancing sustainable development, while at the same time creating income and employment opportunities. In addition, we need to encourage the exchange and up-take of clean technologies, at home as well as internationally. Such technologies can assist developing countries to leap-frog the emissions-intensive development pathway. Finally, we need to bolster scientific research, and ensure that its results better inform our policy and technology choices.

Canada is committed to working with other countries, intergovernmental organizations and the major groups to address these barriers as we move forward to the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and CSD 15. Our focus at both should be on a select group of priority areas which can reasonably be expected to be advanced by further intergovernmental negotiation next year.

Thank you.