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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

To begin with, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for your recent nomination as chairman of the SBI. Canada looks forward to continuing our on-going engagement in this subsidiary body and we look forward to attaining a sufficient degree of progress within SBI between now and CoP 4.

Canada views our 2nd National Report and the subsequent in-depth review as a constructive experience which has lent guidance to and focused attention on our climate change policy. Canada is, however, concerned by the fact that some Annex 1 Parties were tardy in the submission of their 2nd National Reports.

Canada believes that the milestone dates which have already been mentioned by several Parties is an important principle. In particular, we view the year 2001 as an appropriate timing for Parties' submission of their 3rd National Reports, which we believe should be submitted simultaneously, by all parties, late in that year.

Additionally, in our 3rd National Communication, Canada will endeavor to improve our methodology for tracking technology transfers. In our 2nd National Report, we found this to be an especially difficult function given that most transfers tend to occur in the private realm - an area where our oversight for data collection is limited.

Thank you.

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