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**INTERVENTION BY CANADA ON THE ELABORATION OF
POLICIES AND MEASURES**

Thank you Mr. Chairman. My delegation would also like to extend its congratulations on your appointment to chairing the non-group on Policies and Measures. Canada is committed towards playing a constructive role in these negotiations. My delegation believes that there is a useful role for Policies and Measures to play in these negotiations.

Canada's will continue to promote the principle that countries have full national flexibility in implementing those policies and measures that best suit their specific circumstances. That said, Canada also believes that a useful place can be found for Policies and Measures in an eventual Protocol or other legal agreement without compromising the principle of national flexibility. In that respect, Canada has submitted proposals for policies and measures in the five areas of testing/labelling of energy efficiency standards, transportation, public education, sustainable agriculture and investment profiles of multi-lateral development banks that could be considered. All measures proposed by Canada are focused on information sharing, underlying messages and voluntary arrangements. Canada will be willing to consider other Policies and Measures proposed by other Parties on the understanding that they will be evaluated according to the principles we have just laid out.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, my delegation believes that the most significant actions taken to meet Parties' targets will take place primarily within a national or regional context. In that respect, we will continue to support the position that Parties should have full flexibility in deciding the appropriate means to achieve targets and timetables. Secondly, Canada will continue to promote the concept that the framework for the elaboration of policies and measures in the agreement be evolutionary in nature, non-intrusive and measured through reporting. Finally, the Policies and Measures included in an eventual agreement should provide some added value. They could play a useful role in sharing and gathering information, and increasing transparency among Parties, without duplicating work in other fora. Also, underlying messages to other appropriate institutions could work to create additional momentum for action.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.