

**CANADA NATIONAL STATEMENT  
UN ECOSOC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES SEGMENT  
SESSION 2: UNSDG CHAIR REPORT ON DCO/RC SYSTEM  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 15:00-17:00**

Thank you Mr. Président,

Canada would like to thank the Deputy Secretary General for her ongoing leadership, along with our gratitude to the RC System teams in HQ and in the field for their work and steadfast commitment to the SDGs.

An early and steadfast supporter of reform, we're pleased to have disbursed an additional \$1M to the RC System earlier this year. We are committed to working constructively with member states to secure more predictable financing through supporting the SG's proposal for partially assessed contributions.

We share your concern on the stagnation of SDG progress and urgent action needed. We have four questions to help inform our QCPR thinking:

1. Gender Equality is key for the transformative impact of all 6 of the targeted areas of support – from food systems to healthcare and education. We welcome the newly launched UN SG System-Wide Gender Equality Acceleration Plan. *How can we help support consistent and effective operationalization to ensure adequate linkages to SDG5?*
2. It is essential that we come together to mobilize all sources of finance – domestic and international, public and private – in support of the SDGs. *We would welcome your forward-thinking on the role of RCs here to ensure we are optimizing the value-add and comparative advantage of each development partner in these enabling partnerships.*
3. On gains made from efficiencies; how are the savings being dedicated to UN joint initiatives to fast-track and leverage impact?
4. We see value in more regular, transparent and formalised dialogue with the UN and member states on the RC System to benefit from a detailed exchange on topics like UNCT reconfiguration, strengthened regional support, RC leadership: *how we can concretely advance this?*

**Thank you.**