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Thank you, Mr President

I have the honour to speak today on behalf of Australia, Canada and my own country, Aotearoa New Zealand.

Thank you, Secretary-General, for your informative address. We would like to take this opportunity to commend you and your staff on the quality of this year's reports.

The world faces compounding challenges, including COVID-19, climate change, and more recently the impacts of Russia's aggression against Ukraine on food security and energy access. Against this backdrop, it is essential to complete and consolidate UN development system reforms for a more effective, efficient, accountable and relevant UN. Our Common Agenda provides renewed momentum towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and delivery of UN reforms.

Mr Secretary-General, CANZ would like to pose four questions:

First, all United Nations entities delivering development activities – including specialized agencies and other entities - should fully implement reform measures. We continue to receive mixed feedback from the field on the extent to which reforms are being modelled. Joint approaches should be the default of UN efforts in country. How can Member States better assist in ensuring these approaches cascade down to the country level?

Second, we recognise the need for tailored approaches to countries in special situations, including LDCs and SIDS, to ensure their particular vulnerabilities are taken into account in a systemic manner. How is the UN Secretariat supporting the development of special offers for countries in special situations, and the work of the UN Country Teams?

Third, we wish to emphasise the importance of mainstreaming considerations of those in vulnerable situations, particularly women and girls, youth, persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, into the work of UN Country Teams. Mainstreaming is crucial to ensure that no one is left behind, recognising the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. How are the Resident Coordinator Offices supporting this mainstreaming work?

Finally, in light of persistent underfunding of the Resident Coordinator system, how can the UN better demonstrate the added value of the reinvigorated Resident Coordinators? We note the success of some UN entities at private fundraising. How can their experience help inform efforts by DCO to attract investment?

We look forward to engaging with you on these issues throughout the week.

Thank you.