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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Distinguished delegates, I am pleased to participate in this exciting conference as we work together to finalize a new and improved version of the World Anti-Doping Code.

Canada wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the World Anti-Doping Agency in harmonizing efforts of governments and the Olympic movement in the fight against doping in sport.

I would like to congratulate the members of WADA's Code Review Team on the new version of the Code. I appreciate how difficult it must be to review so much input and achieve consensus on appropriate changes. Yet the final product is impressive and a great improvement on the first version.

The Code continues to be a central guiding document for us as we all work together in the fight against doping in sport.

As Chair of the Education Committee, Canada is particularly pleased with the importance that the new version of the Code accords to education.

Article 18, the education provision of the World Anti-Doping Code, will now be mandatory for all signatories in the new version of the Code.

This makes the education provision of the Code consistent with the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport and, at the same time, recognizes the various capacities of governments and anti-doping organizations to undertake education programs.

Moreover, making this article mandatory encourages all signatories to the Code to invest in and broaden their anti-doping educational activities with an emphasis on young people – this is vital to the long-term strategy to eradicate doping in sport.

I am convinced that prevention and education are key aspects of creating a culture of a fair and healthy sport environment with a focus on the current and next generation of athletes and sport leaders.

At the same time, I urge WADA to build on the new Code by continuing to encourage global recognition and harmonization of our respective anti-doping work so that we can continue to strive to be as efficient and effective as possible with our limited resources.

Together, let us build on that progress and move closer to the goals we all share.

In conclusion, Canada is proud to host all of you at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games – the first Olympic and Paralympic Games that will fall under the regime of the new World Anti-Doping Code we have all worked diligently to enhance and improve.

Thank you – Merci – Gracias