Round Table 2: Managing Mining for Sustainable Development

Thank you Madame Chair. First I would like to acknowledge the participation of the Ministers present today.

Australia welcomes the inclusion of Mining as a theme in this cycle of CSD because we believe mining can make a significant contribution to progress toward sustainable development.

Managed appropriately, mining can be a key economic driver, alleviating poverty, supporting the broader economy and generating employment and training opportunities for both indigenous and non-indigenous communities. Certainly this has been our experience over the past 50 years.

In his opening address this morning the Chairman of CSD posed the question how can we generate the full involvement of all local and national actors in sustainable min In summary, a cooperative partnership approach, bet