

Thank you Mr. President,

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you, and through you to the people of Ethiopia for your
successful stewardship of this Third International Conference
on Financing for Development.

We would also like to convey our sincerest appreciation to the
co-facilitators, Ambassadors Pedersen of Norway and Talbot of
Guyana, for their tireless efforts to move us to consensus.

My delegation would also like to thank our partners for their
spirit of cooperation and flexibility that enabled us to conclude
the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

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As regards paragraph 17, Canada would like to underline the aspirational nature of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which the Government of Canada

... laws. While the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is not legally binding and does not reflect customary international law or change Canadian laws, with our endorsement we reiterated our commitment to continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal peoples in creating a better Canada.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate you, Mr. President, the co-facilitators, and all delegations present who contributed to this historic outcome. I would also like to thank the people of Ethiopia for the warm hospitality with which we have been so generously received.

I thank you for your kind attention,