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Good afternoon,

High-quality, affordable child care is not a luxury—it's a necessity. All Canadian families should have access to affordable, inclusive and high-quality early learning and child care no matter where they live.

Since 2017, we have been working closely with the provinces and territories to enhance our early learning and child care systems across our country. The second year of the early learning and child care bilateral agreements saw tremendous progress towards achieving the overarching principles of the <u>Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care</u> <u>Framework</u>.

Thanks to record federal investments and strong partnerships between federal, provincial and territorial governments, we surpassed our goal of creating 40,000 more affordable child care spaces nationally before March 2020, one year ahead of schedule.

That's why I am proud to share with you today the year two results of the bilateral agreements on early learning and child care through the <u>2018–19 National Progress</u> <u>Report on Early Learning and Child Care</u>.

The report includes:

- a national overview of progress;
- advancements made in the areas of data and innovation; and
- achievements on the bilateral agreements with the provinces and territories.

I am confident that with the important accomplishments highlighted in this report, we are on the right path as we move forward with building a Canada-wide child care system in partnership with provinces, territories and Indigenous peoples.

I invite to you to read the report and to share it with your colleagues and networks.

This report is also available through the joint Statistics Canada / Employment and Social Development Canada <u>Early Learning and Child Care Information Hub</u>. The Hub provides a single access point for completed data and research reports. It supports our

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commitment to build a strong baseline of common, publicly available data and provides a resource to all Canadians interested in the subject.

Sincerely,

Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen

