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## **STATEMENT FROM CANADA CONCERNING RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE**

*Prepared by Canada*

- Canada strongly condemns Russia's unjustifiable, unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine.
- Canada underlines its strong support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people throughout this invasion.
- The attacks are causing widespread humanitarian consequences and resulting in the senseless deaths of innocent people.
- Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine is severely exacerbating global food insecurity and the rising number of people suffering from hunger and all forms of malnutrition.
- Russia's aggression has jeopardized global supply chains, and in particular Ukraine's ability to protect the health of its consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade, the vision for the Codex Alimentarius Commission as jointly established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization.
- This is not just an attack on Ukraine and its ability to engage in and benefit from this institution. This is an attack on the principles of rules-based international order and human rights, and a clear violation of international law and the UN Charter.