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Good morning

Please find attached the Minister's podium remarks for today's presser. Please return any edits you may have as soon as possible as we will be sending the remarks to PHAC for the interpreters by 10 am.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Speaking notes revisions

Hello!

Attached are the revisions to the Minister's speaking notes. The sections in blue are for translation, SVP.

I have also added this section that would be great if we could get an urgent disaster check from program on:

The Federal Government has procured enough swabs, reagent, and other materials to conduct 200-thousand test a day in Canada for at least the remainder of this year.

However, as we have seen in number of parts in this country, the provinces and territories are facing challenges in scaling-up laboratory capacity to process the increasing number of samples in the required time.

Beyond providing rapid turn-around for results and much needed capacity in Northern and remote parts of our country, these point-of-care test are crucial to expanding the testing capacity– because these samples can be analyzed in situ and do not require transportation to a laboratory to produce results.

To be clear, the strategy in procuring these rapid test kits is not to replace the current PCR testing, but to enhance the capacity of provinces and territories to keep up with the increasing demands for tests.

Thanks!

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