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Mr. Kevin Sorenson
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Sorenson:

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am pleased to respond to the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, entitled, *Report 1 - The Beyond the Border Action Plan, of the Fall 2016 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*.

The capacity of government institutions to accurately paint an overall picture of progress, performance and costing in large horizontal initiatives is critical to demonstrating results to Canadians.

Consistent with the Committee's recommendations, the Government acknowledges the need for stronger performance measurement and reporting to Canadians on how the funding of Beyond the Border has, and will continue to, enhance security and facilitate the legitimate flow of trade and travel at the Canada-U.S. border. Clear articulation of results and their value for Canadians is a cornerstone of transparency and government accountability. This Government has made this a priority and we agreed with all of the recommendations outlined by the Auditor General of Canada.

The Government accepts all of the Standing Committee's recommendations as stated in its May 2 report and will respond accordingly by January 31, 2018.

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On behalf of the Government, I would like to thank the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for its Report. The Report will be a valuable resource as the Government moves forward with its commitment to supporting transparency and accountability in order to clearly demonstrate results to Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness