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Transformative Financing for Gender Equality: Driving the Agenda Forward

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with the support of the Government of Canada, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United
Nations, the European Union, and the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations*

Opening Remarks:

- **H.E. Helena Yanez**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations
- **Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, UN Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women

Panelists:

- **H.E. Neven Mimica**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- **H.E. Juan Carlos Mendoza**, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
- **Ms. Celina Caesar-Chavannes**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Canada
- **H.E., Mahlatse Mminele**, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

Synopsis:

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development recognizes that achieving gender equality, empowering all women and girls, and the full realization of their human rights is essential to achieving sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and sustainable development.

The corresponding *Addis Ababa Action Plan on Transformative Financing for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment*, spearheaded by UN Women and several Member States, calls on all actors to adopt policies at the domestic and international level to mobilize the resources needed to implement gender equality commitments.

This side event will discuss measures countries are adopting to close gender equality resource gaps vis-à-vis the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.