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HRH The Prince of Wales
Clarence House
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Sir,

It is a great pleasure to offer my warm congratulations on the occasion of Your Royal Highness's 70th birthday.

I am also delighted to have this opportunity to commend Your Royal Highness's remarkable leadership in highlighting the essential role that accounting must play in supporting a sustainable future. Your Royal Highness's foresight in establishing Accounting for Sustainability in 2004 has enabled national accounting bodies to unite globally in advocating for sustainable, commercially viable business practices. Collaborating through A4S has strengthened the global accounting profession's focus on sustainability, expanded its impact and influence, and amplified its voice.

We at CPA Canada have long shared Your Royal Highness's belief in the critical intersection of accounting and sustainability. Over the past three decades, the topic of sustainability has evolved from an emerging issue for the Canadian accounting profession to what is today one of our organization's top priorities. Your Royal Highness's commitment to building a clear understanding of the link between accounting and sustainability has been instrumental to us in this journey. On behalf of the Canadian accounting profession and CPA Canada, I would like Your Royal Highness to know that we are honoured and proud to have partnered with A4S to establish Canada's CFO Leadership Network. We look forward to the network's continued contributions in developing thought leading guidance and raising awareness on critical sustainability issues among finance professionals and other business leaders.

On a personal note, Your Royal Highness has helped affirm my own belief, developed many years ago as an undergraduate student in economics and commerce, that business has a responsibility to the community and the natural environment in which they operate. It is a belief that is not always shared by peers and associates. Your Royal Highness's conviction that sustainability is an issue that must be core



to how businesses operate has been a beacon to myself and others like me, and an inspiration to stay the course.

Along with my best wishes on this happy personal milestone, please accept my sincere gratitude for inspiring the accounting profession to take an increasingly leading role on this critical global issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon Beal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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