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The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 10:31 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Adler, Boehm, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Downe, Gerba, Harder, P.C., MacDonald, Mohamed, Wilson and Woo (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Tucker (1).

Participating in the meeting: Marie Dumont and Nicole Sweeney, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the committee began its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 11 of Part 4 of Bill C-31, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

*WITNESSES:*

*Global Affairs Canada:*

Marc Banzet, Director, International Assistance Strategic Partnerships Division.

*International Development Research Centre:*

Kelly Bowden, Director, Policy and Communications;

Laura Griffin, Senior Legal Counsel.

Marc Banzet and Kelly Bowden each made a statement and, together with Laura Griffin, answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:11 a.m., the committee, pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 11:39 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Jessica Richardson

*Clerk of the Committee*