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I. ABSTRACT

Title	<i>Canada's Official Poverty Line - An Overview</i>
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<p>In 2018, the Government of Canada released <i>Opportunity for All – Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy</i>, which contained long-term commitments to guide current and future government actions and investments to reduce poverty in Canada. The <i>Poverty Reduction Act</i> received Royal Assent in June 2019 and legislates commitments made in the <i>Strategy</i> including entrenching the Market Basket Measure (MBM) as Canada's Official Poverty Line. The MBM is used by the Government of Canada to track its poverty reduction targets, also set out in the <i>Strategy</i>.</p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of the MBM basket methodology and its definition of disposable income. In addition, it will detail recent efforts to close data gaps in poverty measurement for Canada's northern territories.</p>	