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Master script

Chairperson: I declare open this hearing of the committee into _____.

I welcome all the invited witness groups. The terms of reference are to determine:

- _____
- _____
- _____

The committee will now hear from several witness groups who expressed interest in the inquiry. I welcome representatives from _____ (the chairperson chooses a group). Please approach the table.

The witness group approaches the table and sits down.

Chairperson: Please state your names for the Hansard record.

Witnesses state their names in turn.

Chairperson: Do you wish to read a statement to the committee.

The witness group spokesperson reads the statement.

Chairperson: Committee members, do you have any questions for the witness group?

The committee members ask questions, which are answered by the witness group members.

Chairperson: I thank the representatives from _____ (name of the group) for coming today.

The above is repeated for each witness group.

After all the witness groups have been heard, the chairperson of the committee ends the inquiry.

Chairperson: This committee inquiry is now adjourned. The committee will consider the evidence heard here today and will write its report.

CHAIRPERSON

 I declare open this hearing of the Committee into _____.

I welcome all the invited witness groups.

The terms of reference are to determine:

- _____
- _____
- _____

The committee will now hear from several witness groups who have expressed interest in the inquiry.

Group 1. _____

Group 2. _____

Group 3. _____

Group 4. _____

Group 5. _____

I welcome representatives from _____ (choose a group):

Please approach the table.

Allow the witness group time to sit down at the table

 Please state your names for the Hansard record.

Allow each witness time to say their names

 Do you wish to read a statement to the committee?

After the groups opening statement has been read, say:

 Committee members, do you have any questions for the witness group?


Give each senator a chance to ask a question.

After the questions have finished say:

 I thank the representatives from _____ (group name) for coming today.


Repeat the above for each witness group.

After ALL the witness groups have been heard, say:

 This committee inquiry is now adjourned. The committee will consider the evidence heard here today and will write its report. The report will be tabled in the Parliament.


WITNESS GROUP 1 SPOKESPERSON

When asked if you would like to make an opening statement, say:

 **Thank you Chairperson, we are the _____.**
We believe that...


WITNESS GROUP 2 SPOKESPERSON

When asked if you would like to make an opening statement, say:

 **Thank you Chairperson, we are the _____.**
We believe that...


WITNESS GROUP 4 SPOKESPERSON

When asked if you would like to make an opening statement, say:

 **Thank you Chairperson, we are the _____.**
We believe that...

WITNESS GROUP 5 SPOKESPERSON

When asked if you would like to make an opening statement, say:

 **Thank you Chairperson, we are the _____.**
We believe that...

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Questions to ask witness groups:

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COMMITTEE REPORT

I table this report by the _____ Committee.

The Committee recommends that:

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

