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TIMSS Advanced was a collaborative effort involving many individuals around the world. is appendix recognizes the individuals and organizations for their contributions. Given the work on TIMSS Advanced has spanned approximately four years and has involved so many people and organizations, this list may not include all who contributed. Any omission is inadvertent.

Of the rst importance, TIMSS Advanced is deeply indebted to the students, teachers, and school principals who contributed their time and e ort to the study.

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e Project Management Team, comprised of the Directors and Senior Management from the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center, the IEA Secretariat, the IEA Data Processing and Research Center, Statistics Canada, and ETS, met twice a year throughout the

 study in their countries in accordance with TIMSS guidelines and procedures. The quality of the TIMSS Advanced assessment and data depends on the work of the NRCs and their colleagues in carrying out the very complex sampling, data collection, and scoring tasks involved.

Continuing the tradition of truly exemplary work established in other TIMSS assessments, the TIMSS Advanced NRCs performed their many tasks with dedication, competence, energy, and goodwill, and have been commended by the IEA Secretariat, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center, the IEA Data Proces a 431

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