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Statement

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Distinguished Co-facilitators,

Dear delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank the co-facilitators for organizing yet another important meeting for us to exchange views on the content of the envisaged declaration on the post 2015 development agenda.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of G77 and China and that delivered by Mozambique on behalf of the African group.

I would like to thank Co-facilitators again, for availing to us the "elements paper", as a useful document to stimulate our debate on the structure and content of the Declaration.

Co-facilitators, as highlighted in your indicative elements paper, and echoed by many delegations who spoke before me, Uganda fully supports the view that the declaration should be different from the traditional declarations by being concise and action-oriented. This is important to enhance mutual accountability based on common but differentiated responsibilities. In addition to this, allow me to add my voice to those who spoke before me to emphasize the following points;

- The declaration should acknowledge the unfinished business in the MDGS and commit to carry it forward in the new agenda.
- The declaration should adopt action-oriented language to guide world leaders to commit themselves and their governments to deliver what they have not been able to deliver in the past processes such as the *Millennium* Declaration, *Monterrey Consensus*, the Rio+20 among others.
- In this regard, the declaration should draw important contents from past declarations and present them in an actionable fashion to guide leaders to make time-bound commitments on issues such as to eradicate poverty, to address the impacts of climate change, to eliminate trade barriers among other commitments as will be agreed by member states.
- The Declaration should commit world leaders to adopt a periodic review mechanism to be able to evaluate progress
- To achieve its goals, the new agenda needs the support from all stake holders in a renewed partnership. However, the scope of this renewed partnership needs to be defined so as to avoid misunderstanding of what it entails.

• Declaration should commit leaders to integrate the SDGs into their national plans and priorities

Distinguished co-facilitators, my delegation remains available to engage in this and future debates to make sure that we come up with an agenda that will be unique and different from past commitments by delivering our people from poverty and all its dimensions.

I thank you.