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We thank the panelists for illustrating the Artisanal and Small scale mining, and join the statement by G-77.

We would like to highlight certain factors regarding mining for the CSD-19:

- 1. Sound mining management to be enhanced at the local and national level, from preparedness to deal with disasters from mining accidents and effective institutional governance structure by involving all stakeholders, in particular ministry of finance in allocating budget for disaster preparedness and solutions;
- Redistributing large-scale mining revenue for the support of low-income families in a transparent and fairly manner and reducing double-standard within a country and through good South-North cooperation to have equitable trade in minerals and raw material with proper pricing and broadened market access for the developing countries and LDCs.
- 3. Capacity building for the community to well practice ASM,
- 4. Labor safety and compensation for workers in the mining industry,
- 5. Technology transfer with training about mining to be provided to countries without good experience in the sector;
- 6. Ethical standard in mining business for the provision of better social benefits; Social and environmental impact assessment for mining at a large-and-small scale to be included in mining policy and regulations;
- 7. A strong need to decouple economic growth from mining in order to leave a green ecological footprint.
- 8. Revenue from mining needs to be used for ecological recovery, and a trust fund from mining revenue to be established for mitigation of mining disasters.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.