

Statement by Mr. Shatrudhwan P S Pokharel, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations at the stock-taking session of the Intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda (*Means of Implementation and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development*)

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Distinguished Co-facilitators,

I thank you for giving me the floor.

My delegation appreciates the hard work and efforts made by you to steer this important inter-governmental process. We also extend our sincere thanks to all keynote speakers, panelists who have been with us in our deliberations during this stock taking session.

I align myself with the statements of Group of G 77 and China, LDCs, and LLDCs respectively. I would like to make following remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Co-facilitators,

Our experience in MDG implementation suggests that robust Means of Implementation is the key to achieve sustainable progress. Hence we call for an enhanced and predictable Means of Implementation within the framework of new development agenda to address the unique development challenges of LDCs and LLDCs. The best way to address the weaknesses of Goal 8 of MDG will be to include the following issues into the new development framework, among others.

ODA: ODA which plays catalytic role is critical to LDCs as resource constraints constitute one of the biggest challenges to achieving sustained, inclusive and equitable growth and sustainable development. Hence, we call upon all to meet the commitment with regard to ODA.

Trade: Special and Differentiated (S & D) treatment for LDCs, enhanced aid for trade, facilitative rules of origin, reduction of non tariff barriers (NTB), Duty free quota free (DFQF) market access, LDCs' service waiver are important for LDCs if they are to benefit from new agenda.

Debt Relief: Full cancellation of Multilateral and bilateral debt owned by LDCs is critical.

FDI: Improved FDI regime for LDCs for employment generation and stimulate growth which ultimately contribute to poverty reduction.

Systematic Issues: Addressing the systematic issues and reform of Breton Woods Institutions (BWIs) are sine qua non for providing level playing field for developing countries.

Science, Technology and Innovation: The acquisition, transfer and diffusion of technology are imperative for their progress. In this context, we call for the full operationalization of Technology Bank for LDCs sooner than later.

Capacity Building: Through human resources development (HRD), development of information and communications technologies (ICT), institution building are also important.

South-South Cooperation: We have to utilize the growing scope of the SSC but as only the complimentary to North- South cooperation.

Mr. Co-facilitators, all these issues may not look new but demand **new look, I repeat new look** in order to make the new development agenda a meaningful, practical and realistic one.

Finally, **Mr. Co-facilitators**, new agenda sans a clear provision of Means of Implementation and renewed global partnership will be only rhetoric. The full and effective implementation of new agenda will depend on adequacy of Means of Implementation and involvement of all stakeholders- governments, parliaments, academia, media, civil society, private sectors, among others. To make the new agenda a real deliverable enhanced coordination and coherent amongst the different policy areas including ODA, trade, FDI, debt, finance must be responsive to the emerging challenges faced by developing countries specially the LDCs and LLDCs. This aspect should underpin the strong basis of the Means of Implementation of the new agenda.

I thank you.