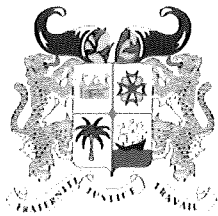


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**STATEMENT
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of LDCs. The Group aligns itself with the statement made by the G77 and China. The LDCs, would like to address some specific points concerning the SDGs their and targets in the Post 2015 Agenda.

We are thankful for the Co-Facilitators for maintaining the goals unchanged and for the efforts they undertook to eliminate from the targets the x and y to provide a clear view about the ambitions we set out in agenda. We are of the view that some of the revisions undertaken seem totally justified or go without saying.

However some seem not far-reaching enough. If we were to give marks some deserve a 5 even 5+. Some however got 3 and even 3-.

Since it's all about what we call technical revisions, We express our satisfaction with the reformulations of 3.2; 4.4; 4.6; and 4.c. in 4.b, we would have preferred a numerical target assessed on the basis of the current number of scholarships and the clear assessment of capacity building needs to achieve the SDGs. We hope that such an assessment could be performed in the process of definition of the indicator.

As regards 6.3 we consider that the formulation is not bold enough taking into account the objective of reaching securing our planet against hazardous wastes. We need here a zero target and not just doubling the proportion of untreated wastewater. We need to use all means possible including endogenous purification methods. We think we should set stringent norms in this field to stop environmental pollution.

As regards target 11.5 we could go along with the call for substantially reducing the number of casualties and losses related to disasters.

In target 11.b, we consider the reformulation weak since it refers to a low hanging fruit on which we can set a clearly policy of zero tolerance negligence and shortsightedness in the field of integration of resilience building and environmental impact awareness as well as adaptation efforts to meet the climate change challenges.

As regards 17.2, we consider that leaving this target as is after the adoption of the AAAA and its projected endorsement in the Post 2015 agenda, will pose a problem of organic

coherence. We need to fully reflect the ambitions set in paragraphs 51 and 52 of the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action and make it very clear where we want to set the barre, since the Post 2015 development Agenda is the predilection field of expression of our aspirations and ambitions.

We hope that the Partners will continue to show the necessary flexibility in this critical issue so as to make it possible to set soft targets that can motivate for increased contribution to the efforts of the international community to help LDCs access adequate resources to reach the SDGs.

I thank you all for your kind attention.