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STATEMENT

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ON BEHALF OF THE LLDCs GROUP**

**AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS OF THE
OUTCOME DOCUMENT FOR THE POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA**

ON

THE DECLARATION

New York
27th July, 2015

Co- facilitators

I have the honour to make this intervention on behalf of the group of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and wish to express appreciation and commend you for the great efforts to move the process forward at this critical time of the negotiations as well as in making the outcome of the summit better in readiness for our leaders to adopt.

Co-facilitators,

With regard to the Preamble and the Declaration, I wish to first of all commend the you for the consideration and inclusion of LLDCs and some of the proposals in the key sections namely; *Our Shared Principles and Commitments*

In particular the expanded paragraph 12 that recalls the Major UN conferences and Summits with specific reference to the Second United Nations Conference on LLDCs held in November, 2014 when the post 2015 Development Agenda discussions in particular the SDGs were already agreed to.

I also wish to commend the emphasis and stress for the further elaboration of specific challenges of LLDCs together with the other countries in special situations and having vulnerabilities as now included in Paragraphs 17 and 23. The group welcomes specific mention of the integral nature of the outcome of the major conferences such as Vienna Programme of Action to the post 2015 development Agenda, as in Paragraph 41 and focus on Means of implementation to call for full commitment to meet the ODA

targets for accelerating implementation of the Programms of Action for countries with specific challenges.

Co facilitators

We wish to commend the work of the co- facilitators and the inclusion of the suggested language from the LLDCs in the declaration part of the document. I further wish to take note of the co-facillitators inclusion in the Annex 1 additional proposals of the LLDCs on targets for SDGs on pages 32 and 33 for consideration and wish to stress the need to include these proposals. The Group is further hopeful that the additional proposals to the targets as indicated in Annex 1 from page 32-33 be incorporated in the document. This will ensure that the issues of LLDCs as agreed upon in the Vienna Programme of Actin are taken on board and will bring out the required consistency with the rest of the document.

In addition, this will enhance the coherence to be established between this important document and recent outcomes of the major United Nations global conferences, including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and, the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA).

I wish to highlight that the proposals of some of the specific targets 8.a, 10.a, 17.10 and 17.11 have not been reflected. I therefore appeal to that we truly do not leave the group of LLDCs Behind by way of considering all the critical proposals for the targets on SDGs.

I thank you.