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STATEMENT

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

New York
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Co-facilitators,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the group of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs).

At the outset, let me express my appreciation to you, Co-facilitators, for the excellent way you have conducted the consultations thus far, the group of LLDCs remains confident of your abilities. The Post-2015 development agenda, which incorporates the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is a very important blue-print for decades to come. The group of LLDCs attach utmost importance to this document.

Therefore, the group of LLDCs would like to emphasize the issue of coherence and that the coherence be established between this important document and recent outcomes of the major United Nations global conferences. In particular, I would like to emphasise the significance of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and, the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA).

The group understands that we are at an advanced stage of negotiations. As you know, the SDGs and accompanying targets were developed before the adoption of the VPoA in November last year. Hence, LLDCs did not have any chance to incorporate in the SDGs the LLDCs' major goals and specific objectives reflected in the VPoA.

It is therefore the group's strong view that necessary amendments be made to the document to reflect the outcomes of the 2 major conferences, the Addis Ababa Conference on the FfD and the Vienna Conference for LLDCs.

In view of this, the group wishes to make the following specific drafting proposals:

In **paragraph 6 of Annex 3**, the Vienna Programme of Action predecessor document, the Almaty Programme of Action was an important tool for the 2003-2014 Decade of LLDCs and was the guiding document when discussing the SDGs. As the Post 2015 and SDGs will be finalised during the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action, the group requests that the Vienna Programme of Action is a very comprehensive programme which has expanded on the 2 priority areas of Almaty to 6 priority areas. As we are introducing any language that is not agreeable upon by the United Nations membership, I beg the co-facilitators indulgence including LLDCs in a number of para's and targets in line with the Vienna Programme of Action. we request that you replace "the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries" with "Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024".

In **target 1.a.**, the group requests that you insert "**and landlocked developing countries**" after "least developed countries".

Similarly, in **target 7.b.**, the insertion of "**landlocked developing countries**" after "least developed countries" is requested by the group.

Likewise, in **target 8.a.**, the insertion of "**landlocked developing countries**" after "least developed countries" is requested by the group.

The means of implementation is very profound to the group of LLDCs especially after the Vienna Programme of Action which has a whole priority and chapter dedicated to it.

The LLDC group further requests the following addition to **target 17.11**, after "share of global exports": **"and significantly increase the participation of landlocked developing countries in global trade, with a focus on substantially increasing exports..."**

In **target 17.18.**, the insertion of **"landlocked developing countries"** after "least developed countries" is requested by the group.

The Group also requests the specific mention of the LLDCs in Paragraph 39 on page 6.

We sincerely hope that you will accommodate our request so that LLDCs are not left behind in the post-2015 era.

I thank you.