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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**

**IN RESPONSE
TO THE 30TH JULY EDITION OF THE
DRAFT OUTCOME TEXT FOR ADOPTION**

New York
30th July, 2015

Draft Talking points for H.E. Ambassador Mwaba P. Kasese Bota as Chair of the LLDCs Group on Post 2015 Development Agenda in response to the 30th July Edition of the Draft Outcome Text for Adoption – made at the Evening Session on 30th July 2015.

Co facilitators

The group of 32 LLDC countries extend their gratitude and appreciation to you for the current draft at our disposal. We also thank our experts who have continued to work tirelessly and to collectively perfect the document.

The current draft co facilitators falls short of the expectations of the 450 million people in Landlocked developing countries who have their hopes for better social economic outcomes reversed, though the agreed upon document of the Vienna programme of Action, a document which should have resonated with the post 2015 development agenda on specific matter of vulnerabilities, has not been done and the group is now about to be left behind and their dreams shattered.

Co facilitators,

On the issues of trade, the group of LLDCs have seen a red line of continued exclusion from global trade through the FfD and the current Post 2015 framework. The group of the 32 countries insist on their inclusion in targets 17.10 and 17.11. If this document does not recognise the need of including the LLDCs in the global trade arena, a group with a contribution of one percent, we wonder which group this august house will consider. The evidence has been given and shared. One percent of the share in trade is just what it is, 1%, and one is a number which one begins to learn to count with, 1/100. Please let us do what is expected of us by the 450 million people. The group has no problem with the addition of LLDCs language to target 17.11 or to the direct transplantation of the Vienna commitments as in paragraph 44 (a).

Co facilitators

I wish to clarify that this is not a matter of groups of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs competing, it is based on priorities as agreed in the Vienna programme of Action.

The group of LLDCs made additional proposals to targets in the last document in line with the commitments and agreements made in the Vienna programme of Action some of which were presented in the annex of the document by co-facilitators. The justification for the inclusion of the revisions made to those five targets is based on the agreed Vienna Programme of action and therefore calls for their reflection to include LLDCs in the current document on targets as follows;

	SDGs	Proposed Revision	Justification
1.a	Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including	Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development	VPoA Paragraph 21 incorporates eradication of poverty in its' overarching goal.

	through enhanced development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions	cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries and landlocked developing countries , in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions	
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	SDGs	Proposed Revision	Justification
2.a	Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries	Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries and landlocked developing countries	VPoA Paragraph 60 and 64

	SDGs	Proposed Revision	Justification
7.b	By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States	By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	VPoA Paragraph 36

	SDGs	Proposed Revision	Justification
9.c	Significantly increase access to information and	Significantly increase access to information and communications	VPoA Paragraphs 22 (a), (e), 47(f), 39, and 36

communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020	technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries and landlocked countries by 2020	
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	SDGs	Proposed Revision	Justification
17.11	Significantly increase the exports of developing countries, in particular with a view to doubling the least developed countries' share of global exports by 2020.	Significantly increase the exports of developing countries, in particular with a view to doubling the least developed countries' share of global exports by 2020, and significantly increase the participation of landlocked developing countries in global trade, with a focus on substantially increasing exports.	VPoA paragraph 44(a)
17.18	By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts	By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts	VPoA Paragraphs 73-78

I trust that these revisions will be incorporated to be part of the post 2015 Development Agenda so that LLDCs are not left behind. Zambia further looks forward to graduating out of the LDCs category, but we can never ever hope to graduate out of our landlockedness.

I thank you.