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Honorable Co-Chairmen,
Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government,
Distinguished Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola, allow me to congratulate His Excellency Mr. Sam Kutesa, President of the 69th Session of the General Assembly for his role during the drafting of the document we will adopt, titled “Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

We welcome the efforts of the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process in the preparation of this document. We also present our greetings to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, for his efforts in achieving this goal.

Excellencies,

The International Conference on Sustainable Development--Rio + 20 was a symbolic moment, and a starting point of the current intergovernmental processes that contribute to poverty eradication and to the creation of coherent structures of social, economic and environmental inclusion in order to achieve overall sustainable development.

The intergovernmental process for the preparation of the agenda required a significant effort to arrive at an ambitious and structured document, as well as one that is based on a shared vision of the future we want to build, and an action plan that complements the Millennium Development Goals.

Angola believes that the post-2015 development agenda is a key policy tool, which aims to reduce the gap between countries, both developed and developing.

By adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations Member States reaffirm the eradication of poverty and hunger, the protection and promotion of all rights, gender equality, the empowerment of women and special attention to all vulnerable groups as absolute priorities.

In this context, we reaffirm the Government of Angola's political will to continue all efforts which contribute to increasing women's representation at all levels of decision making, taking into account the 'Planet 50-50 by 2030' campaign.

Likewise, the Agenda aims to preserve the legacy of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and of the Conference on Sustainable Development--Rio + 20, so that the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals is geared towards the pursuit of prosperity, based on the respect for human dignity, the protection of the planet, and the principles of Shared Responsibility.

In terms of funding, we insist on the adoption of concrete commitments so that the Sustainable Development Goals can be an effective catalyst for good public policies and practices that respect the unique reality of each country.

Thus, Angola wishes to reiterate that it will implement and interpret the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in full accordance with its national laws and development priorities, as well as the values and ethnic, cultural and religious beliefs of the Angolan society, and in line with internationally recognized human rights.

Excellencies,

Despite the success in drafting the agenda, it is important to note that there is still much work ahead. Several million people still live in extreme poverty or in conflict situations, being forced to migrate to other destinations; and we witness the daily growth of inequality and blatant human rights violations and environmental degradation of our planet.

The discussions on financing for development, in the context of the Third Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa, were marked by the North-South divide, opposing donors and beneficiaries of international cooperation. It was possible to reach a comprehensive policy framework for financing sustainable development; however, concrete commitments to the effective implementation of the Agenda still lack a concrete definition.

This global partnership will allow for significant progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals and implementing the post-2015 Development Agenda. Despite the substantial differences that still persist, 193 countries have managed to reach an ambitious agreement on a new agenda which includes the three dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced manner.

Let me conclude by stressing that this is a shared responsibility to build a better world economically, politically, socially and environmentally. For this reason, the Republic of Angola calls on the United Nations to play a central role in leading the global development policy.

Thank you.