Excellency,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment and support to the UNGA Open Working Group process over the 17 months of its duration. We would have loved to take the time to express our gratitude and thanks at the conclusion of the final session on Saturday afternoon, but, if truth be told, physical exhaustion and mental fatigue after 36 hours of non-stop debate, negotiations and drafting, following on seven, 12-hour days, all conspired to make it emotionally and intellectually impossible to say what needed to be said at that time. The conclusion, acclamation and ovation was truly most gratifying and, as we had intimated in earlier sessions, a sign that in the end we would indeed all share and bask in the success and glow of our work.

The 17 goals and 169 targets, with only a handful of expression of reservations on some targets, are truly indicative of a global consensus that we are confident will not only stand the test of time, but that with hindsight, will also prove remarkable in its depth and breadth as well as its transformative reach and impact. This is truly our hope.

Once again, we thank every Member State, every delegation, all the major groups and the UN Secretariat and its agencies and organizations and support systems, without whom this noble and, we believe, legacy enterprise of the international community, would not have been realized.

To one and all, thank you for giving us this opportunity to lead.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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