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**INDICATIVE DEBATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF FOCUS AREAS,
FOCUSING ON POSSIBLE GOALS AND TARGETS:**

**“GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT,
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL,
HEALTH AND POPULATION DYNAMICS”**

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Co-Chairs,

At the outset, I wish to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for all your efforts. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the G77 and China and wishes to add the following remarks:

- The post-2015 framework represents a vital opportunity to build on the current momentum and ensure that gender equality remains a universal priority. Women's empowerment is underscored as a crucial issue and while education and health are among the most important means of empowering women, breaking down barriers that impede women's empowerment and targeting initiatives that increase women's opportunities including through improving access to financial services and developing new financial instruments that respond to women's needs are main factors for attaining greater progress.
- Achieving Education for All remains a significant, yet unfinished agenda. For that reason, adopting a broader and a more holistic view of education and training, requires strengthened efforts that ensure equitable and inclusive access to quality learning at all levels in addition to creating links between education as well as training

programs and employment opportunities to facilitate the transition from education to work.

- Decent work for all has been recognized by many as a priority in the development agenda. Issues of decent work are pertinent as there are unacceptably high levels of youth unemployment. The ILO Decent Work Agenda provides a useful reference for the Understanding of decent work and progress on its implementation.

- Strategies for building productive capacity and attaining decent work as well as policy measures contained in the Global Jobs Pact have succeeded in quality employment generation.

- On health, we encourage seeking an agreement on targets that comprehensively reflects the cross-cutting issues. Health system responses need to recognize the underlying complexities and connections between the NCDs and mental health conditions.

- It is also important to reflect the rights, issues and needs of persons with disabilities by ensuring that the status quo of persons with disabilities is included and mainstreamed as a specific priority as well as a cross-cutting theme throughout the agenda. In this way, we will not only be answering to the repeated calls of people with disabilities, but will also be countering the negative prevalent perception of them being part of a group often labeled as "vulnerable" and in need of benefits.

- We would also recommend the inclusion of a target to reduce road deaths within the Post-2015 Development Goals. The UN Decade of action for Road Safety 2011-2020 is promoting cost effective solutions proven to reduce road casualties. However, more remains to be done to integrate it into the wider sustainable development agenda. There is very limited international funding or policy support to catalyze national action plans and to help build capacity. Such catalytic international support is urgently needed.

- As a cross-cutting issue, road safety and sustainable mobility can assist in achieving wider health, transport and environmental objectives, including air pollution, supporting low carbon transport and enabling the fight against related non-communicable diseases. If left unaddressed, the situation would constitute an additional burden on national health systems leading to adverse effects on development. In this context, there is a need to address those issues in an integrated approach within the framework for sustainable development.

- I thank you.