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STATEMENT

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CLUSTER 8

PEACEFUL AND NON-VIOLENT SOCIETIES, RULE OF LAW AND
CAPABLE INSTITUTIONS

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Cluster 8: Peaceful and non-violent societies, rule of law and capable institutions

Mr Co-chair

I wish to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe and my own Country Zambia on Peaceful and non-Violent Societies, Rule of Law and Capable institutions. My delegation aligns this statement with the statements made on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the statement for the Africa group made by the Ambassador of

Mr. Co-Chair

Peaceful and non-violent societies, rule of law and capable institutions are a cornerstone of all development efforts and a key enabler for sustainable development. A peaceful environment provides a supportive atmosphere to smooth implementation of development plans and is a precursor to accelerated economic growth and eradication of poverty.

Co-Chair

Promoting good governance will enhance integrity, accountability and transparency; promote human rights and enhance democratization thus ensuring that development outcomes benefit everyone in society.

Mr. Co-chair

In view of what I have elaborated above, targets are needed to address the issues at hand as follows;

- a) Re design global governance dispensation to include the right to development.
- b) Enhance Cooperation for the financial and technical support to needy societies
- c) Strengthen institutional mechanisms for prevention of corruption
- d) Ensure effective, accountable and transparent institutions

Mr. Co-Chair,

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate that our region is committed to ensuring that the rule of law is upheld as a key enabler, and that we move towards having peaceful and non-violent societies, as well as having in place capable institutions in which implementation of sustainable development will thrive.

I thank you.