STATEMENT

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Co-Chairs,

I have the honour to make this intervention on behalf of the Land Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs) Group. I wish to align my statement with the statement and proposals made by the Ambassador of Bolivia for the Group of 77 and China with regard to cluster number four which we consider key to LLDCs’ needs.

On **Economic growth**, the LLDCs group proposes the following Goal;

1. To achieve high and inclusive economic growth for sustainable development.

For this goal, the areas for inclusion for **possible target areas** may consider the following:

   a) **Improved infrastructure development** in key sectors such as transport, ICT and energy for LLDCs,
   b) **Improved industrial production**, competitiveness and diversification for LLDCs,
   c) **Improved domestic and international competitive value chain industries**, 
   d) **Reduced transport and trade facilitation costs** for LLDCs,
   e) **Achieve greater and deeper regional economic integration** for LLDCs,
   f) **Build resilience, adaptation and mitigation measures** to climate change for LLDCs,
   g) **Promote trade facilitation and preferential market access** for LLDCs 
   h) **Enhance international technology cooperation and technology transfer of sound technologies** to LLDCs

Co-Chairs

With regard to Infrastructure we propose the following goal;

2. To achieve rapid development transformation through industrial and infrastructure development.

The possible target could be the following:
a) Achieve reliable transport, energy and ICT infrastructure development and maintenance including transit systems for LLDCs.

b) Increased international support measures for LLDCs in infrastructure development.

c) Promote regional integration and cooperation on infrastructure development for LLDCs.

d) Enhance the acquisition of technologies to promote the manufacture of competitive products that do not require expensive on-land transportation.

I thank you.