I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia and my own Country Zimbabwe.

I wish to align this statement with the statements made by the Ambassadors of Bolivia and Lesotho on behalf of G77 and China and the Africa Group respectively.

Co-Chairs

The Southern Africa Group have the following comments and proposal on Focus areas 9 and 10.

On FOCUS AREA 9, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS

Co-Chair, in line with the LIMA declaration we propose that the goal be worded as follows, in line with UNIDO proposals:

“Accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development”.

In line with the above, the following targets are proposed.

Target 1: Increase manufacturing value added (MVA) per capita
Target 2: Increase the share of MVA in Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Target 3: Increase the number of decent manufacturing jobs

Target 4: Reduce gender gap in employment and wages

Target 5: Reduce by X% emissions from industrial production

Target 6: Reduce by Y% harmful chemical used and waste generated

Target 7: Reduce national energy intensity per unit of manufacturing output.

In terms of FOCUS AREA 10, SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, we propose as follows:

Target (a) is too loaded, we propose it to be unpacked as follows;

- By 2030 ensure access by all to decent and affordable housing.

- Terms like “universal” and “adequate” might have varied interpretation and therefore should be removed.

- We propose to add a new target:
“Eradicate homelessness”. This may be a better target than “eliminate slum like conditions everywhere”.

Target (b) could be decomposed into two as follows:

i) “by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable transport for all” and

ii) “Reduce by x% road traffic accidents

Target (c) good but not measurable.

Targets (d) and (e) supported.

Target (f) is an omnibus, a measurable target out of this could be:

- “increase access to inclusive and safe public spaces by x% of urban dwellers.”

Target (g) is supported

The relationship of target (h) “safeguarding the world’s cultural and national heritage” and the goal is not clear. Target should be dropped.

I thank you