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Distinguished Co chair

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of my delegation for ECOWAS. We join other delegations in congratulating you for successfully steering the affairs thus far.

ECOWAS associates its self with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Bolivia on behalf of the group of G77 and China and the distinguished Permanent Representative of Lesotho on behalf of the African Group

- The SDGs should be action-oriented and allow for tracking progress towards sustainable development over time. In this regard, they should have clear and measurable targets, which take into account different regional and national priorities, realities, capacities and levels of development.

The Rio principle of Common but differentiated Responsibility needs to be seen as an integral part of this document

Focus area 1. Poverty eradication, building shared prosperity and promoting equality
We support the targets as set out under the goal and reiterate this goal underpins the very success of the SDGs since it is intrinsically linked to all all the other goals.

Focus area 2. Sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition
Under target a) we propose the word "diverse " be replaced by the word "balance"
We would also like a deeper understanding of the words "diversity of food"

Focus area 3
Under target area b) we propose the following as an addition at the end of the sentence including diseases arising from unhealthy water and sanitation
Under target c) we propose the addition of the following words after injuries " particularly road injuries "
Under target area d) we propose the word "marginalized " be replaced by the words " poor and vulnerable"

Focus Area 4
We propose an additional target which reads as follows " ensure by 2030 quality training for teachers including those with disabilities and in the area of training for children and all students with disabilities

Focus Area 5
Under target a) We propose at he end of the sentence the following words" including access to justice"
Under target b) at the end of the sentence we propose the addition on the following words "including the boy child"
Under target g) we propose the addition of the following words " and other harmful cultural practices"

Focus Area 6
We propose a new wording for the sub focus area to read " water and sanitation for all for a sustainable world
Under target c) we propose the addition of the following words at the end of the target " and industries "

Focus area 7
We purpose an additional target which reads " by 2020 phase out incentives on imported

technologies that do not encourage technology transfer including renewable energy technology

Focus area 9.

We recommend the inclusion of the word "infrastructure" We recommend a target or integrating science research and innovation into this focus area

Focus Area 10

Under target area a) we recommend after the word "all" and prevent and upgrade slum- like conditions everywhere" as per the language in the Vancouver habitat convention

Under target area f) we recommend the deletion of the word " personal"

Focus area 11 Sustainable Consumption Patterns

we support a stand alone goal on SCP and think the targets set should be in line with the SCP 10 YR framework. We also think with the means of implementation developed countries should provide technical Assistance to developing countries.

Focus Area 12 Climate Change

We support Climate change as a stand alone goal as well as mainstream climate change in all the goals. We however ask for an additional target with reference to drought and desertification relating to climate change.

Focus area 13

Under target a) we recommend at the end of the target the following words " particularly plastic debris"

Under target d) we call for the elimination of the words "develop and "

Focus area 14

We recommend the addition of the following targets

- initiate measures to halt land grabbing in all forms by 2020

- halt land degradation, combat desertification and drought and restore degraded land by x% by 2030

Focus area 15

We underscore the fact this area is critical to the success of the SDGs. In this vein we refer to the African common position document on SDGs under recommendations sections (b), (c), (d) and (e)

Focus area 16

We again refer to the African Common Position document on SDGs Goal 2 which states " Vigourously Promote Good Governance Peace and Security

I Thank You