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Madam Chair,

At the outset, we would like to associate ourselves with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Pakistan in his capacity as the chairman of G-77 and China on the theme engaging our attention.

We believe inter-linkages and cross cutting issues, including the means of implementation, are obviously the most essential and vital factors for the realization process of sustainable development and in to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

In relation to the chairman's negotiating document, we are of the view that a number of issues should be appropriately addressed when dealing with the implementation of development commitment in the four thematic areas as follows:

1. With regard to transfer of technology, we underline the importance of agreement on trade related aspects of intellectual property right. This matter should be reviewed, taking into account its contribution to sustainable development. Other initiatives, such as the incentive for technology transfer, could be considered as one of many policy options. In this regard, we would like to emphasize the fully implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer.
2. The implementation of cross cutting issues requires innovative financial mechanisms for sustainable development. While calling for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, measures that should be undertaken include better access to funds under multilateral funding mechanisms, promotion of foreign direct investment, and greater leverage of public and private resources.
3. At the international level, we would like to encourage the adoption of a common strategy to scale up efforts in implementing global partnerships for development and also speedy conclusion of the WTO trade negotiations.
4. In particular, we wish to highlight the need for enhancing capacity building of developing countries to achieve implementation of commitments made in relation to the thematic issues. In this regard, we call for the renewed commitment of the international community to

support national efforts in achieving the target of education for all by 2015.

Madam Chair,

To conclude, we would like to emphasize the need for an integrated approach to implementation of inter-linkages and cross cutting issues, taking into account the effectiveness of co-benefit of policy options.

Thank you Madam Chair

