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Under-Secretary-General Wu Hongbo,

Distinguished Ministers,

I would like to join all other speakers in **thanking** our **host, UNDCF,**

Our outstanding **moderator,**

Our **excellent panelists,** and,

Above all, **all of you** who have joined the debate. We need your views and your involvement if we want to achieve greater effectiveness and accountability.

Today we discussed a number of important openings for incorporating these two significant aspects in a post-2015 set of goals.

The **German government attaches great importance** to the improvement of development **effectiveness**. We are continuously improving our own institutions and implementation systems in line with international standards so as to make our work more effective. Among other things, we are currently carrying out comprehensive reforms in order to comply with international **transparency standards** and goals. After all, transparency is a vital prerequisite for accountability. We are also constantly finetuning our **monitoring** processes. Measurable targets do not only help us to **account for** our actions, they also contribute directly to the achievement of **sustainable results**.

I am grateful for all the ideas you shared today. We will only achieve greater effectiveness and accountability under a new global agenda if we **learn from each other and act in concert**.

Germany will therefore be happy to **host the UNDCF High-Level Symposium in March 2014** on Accountable and Effective Development Cooperation Partnerships in a Post-2015 Era. I am very pleased that we have the privilege of organizing that Symposium together with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. We have brought some papers with information about the conference.

Again, **thank you very much for taking part in today's event**. I hope that many of you will be able to join us again **in Berlin in spring next year**.