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STATEMENT

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the LDCs. The Group aligns itself with the statement of South Africa made on behalf of the G77 and China.

The Group strongly supports the proposal made in the draft elements document to “set up, expeditiously, the Technology Bank for the LDCs”. The Group also supports the proposal to scale up ODA for science and innovation to support research and development, technology diffusion, as well as national innovation funds and innovation centres. This efforts should also be part of the efforts related to productive capacity building in the LDCs and the

The group of LDCs would like to make the following two specific proposals:

First: Set up and operationalize, expeditiously, the Technology Bank for the LDCs during the 70th Session of the UNGA

Second: Provide at least 0.1 per cent of the ODA to LDCs in particular through technology bank to undertake the following inter-related tasks:

(a) The development of an endogenous science, technology and innovation knowledge base and capacity;

(b) The transfer and diffusion of appropriate technologies; and

(c) Broadening of access to science and technology communities and to related research conducted worldwide.

We would request the distinguished Co-Chairs to reflect these two proposals in the next version of the document

I thank you all for your kind attention.