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Building Block A: Domestic and International Public Finance
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Distinguished co-facilitators,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

My delegation aligns with the statements made on behalf of G77 and China, and LDCs. I would highlight on the following point under the "Domestic and International Public Finance" building block in national capacity:

1. FDI is profit-oriented international private finance, therefore, international public finance, like ODA should play catalytic role to make it development oriented and environmentally and socially responsible by introducing special package of incentives.

2. Remittance is not within the control of government to divert to productive investment. However, remittance is contributing to social sector like health and education and fulfilling consumption deficit as a natural phenomena and also by virtue of inbuilt incentive structure for household inherent in those social sectors. There are many other humanitarian and labor standard related issues surrounding 3D- difficult, dangerous and dirty work earmarked for labors from LDCs. This issue should
also be made an element to remittance. Financial literacy is also critical while we discuss the remittance in the context of FfD.

3. As mentioned earlier, the remittance by no means can be a reliable and sustaining source of financing as it has many negative effects, this should be taken as complimentary NOT competitor to ODA.

I thank you.