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	<p>1. Attain a GDP growth rate of at least 7 percent per annum</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>2. Increase the ratio of investment to GDP to 25 per cent per annum</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>3. Make substantial progress toward halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty by 2015</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>4. Make substantial progress towards halving the proportion of people from hunger by 2015</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>	<p>(a) Supporting initiatives that help empower people living in poverty, especially women, and promoting their capacities to enable them to improve their access to and better utilize available opportunities, basic social and other types of services, as well as productive resources;</p> <p>(b) Building on successful policy reforms and continuing efforts toward sound economic management with a view to attaining levels of economic growth necessary for reaching the objectives of the Programme of Action, including through focusing efforts in the areas of fiscal and financial sector reform and promotion of microcredit;</p> <p>(c) Promoting an equitable distribution of the benefits of growth and development in favour of the poor and improving their access to basic social services with a view to increasing their opportunities for participation in economic activity;</p> <p>(d) Promoting the efficiency of markets within an effective institutional, regulatory, supervisory and legal setting;</p> <p>(e) Improving linkages between different economic activities, particularly between</p>	<p>(a) Facilitating an external environment supportive of full and timely realization of the objectives of the Programme of Action through the increasing involvement of LDCs in the work relating to their development strategies in the international financial institutions and other multilateral organizations;</p> <p>(b) Extending substantial and more effective support for LDCs' efforts in areas of empowering people living in poverty and ensuring their access to basic social services;</p> <p>(c) Assisting LDCs' efforts, through providing financial and other resources, in setting up effective social safety nets to mitigate social exclusion, insecurity and vulnerability of LDCs;</p> <p>(d) Creating an enabling environment that will help the LDCs derive benefits from globalization, and supporting them in mitigating its negative consequences;</p> <p>(e) In the area of human and institutional capacity building, designing and providing donor support programmes to genuinely strengthen LDCs' national capacities and not replace them;</p>

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		<p>agriculture and micro and small enterprises, and integrating sectoral reforms within broader development objectives;</p> <p>(f) Promoting a comprehensive and integrated information base, including through strengthening of national statistical systems;</p>	<p>replace them;</p> <p>(f) Supporting LDCs in gaining access to information and communications technologies, necessary physical infrastructure and critical capacity -building that would facilitate bridging the digital divide, bearing in mind the need for diffusion and transfer of technology;</p> <p>(g) Supporting sectoral policies and programmes in a manner that helps achieve an appropriate balance between economic objectives, such as strengthening and diversification of the LDC economies, and social development goals;</p> <p>(h) Undertaking public information campaigns, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, to increase public understanding of the development challenges faced by the LDCs, as well as public support in favour of the genuine and urgent need for development of the LDCs;</p> <p>(i) Supporting the efforts of the LDCs in creating and promoting a comprehensive and integrated information base, including through strengthening of national statistical systems.</p>

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		<p>(a) Continuing efforts to establish an effective, fair and stable institutional, legal and regulatory framework in order to strengthen the rule of law and to foster effective participation of and close cooperation among all relevant stakeholders at national and local levels in the development process;</p> <p>(b) Promoting and respecting all internationally recognized human rights, including the right to development;</p> <p>(c) Respecting, promoting and realizing the principles contained in the ILO "Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up";</p> <p>(d) Fostering just, transparent and well-functioning Governments accountable to the people as well as promoting an accessible and independent judicial system;</p> <p>(e) Pursuing national policies and strategies to promote confidence building and conflict prevention, and in countries affected by conflict, to promote peaceful settlement of disputes, reconciliation and post-conflict peace building;</p>	<p>(a) Ensuring meaningful support for full and effective participation of LDCs in international dialogue and action on development, peace and security, as well as in decision - and rule-making and standard-setting in all areas affecting their development;</p> <p>(b) Providing adequate and appropriate response, including financial and technical assistance, to requests of LDCs for human and institutional capacity building for governance functions;</p> <p>(c) Providing appropriate assistance in response to a request by an LDC Government, and in accordance with the UN Charter, to help the prevention and resolution of conflicts, as well as supporting confidence-building, post-conflict peace-building, reintegration and reconstruction, thus paving the way for durable peace and sustainable development;</p> <p>(d) Supporting the efforts of LDCs to strengthen institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks for preventing corruption, bribery and money laundering, illegal transfer of funds and other illicit activities by both public and private entities;</p>

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		<p>(f) Promoting broad-based popular participation in development, inter alia through decentralization, where appropriate;</p> <p>(g) Enabling the poor through promoting social inclusion and empowerment in order to enhance their effective participation in the governance process, inter alia by strengthening their social networks;</p> <p>(h) Striving to fully protect and promote gender equality, non-discrimination and the empowerment of women as effective means contributing to eradication of poverty, elimination of hunger, combating disease and stimulating growth and sustainable development;</p> <p>(i) Promoting effective representation and participation of women in all spheres of decision-making, including the political process at all levels;</p> <p>(j) Strengthening policies and measures aimed at social, economic and political inclusion of all segments of societies;</p> <p>(k) Strengthening efforts to fight corruption, bribery, money laundering, illegal transfer of funds and other illicit activities by</p>	<p>(e) Working with LDCs to ensure transparency of development cooperation programmes, including tendering for international aid projects;</p> <p>(f) Assisting LDCs in building partnerships and networks domestically among their institutions as well as at the international level, including those in the private sector, civil society and relevant intergovernmental bodies, in order to promote private and public sector dialogue to improve their capacity to enhance transparency and accountability in economic activities and development.</p>

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		<p>strengthening anti-corruption laws and regulations and their effective application;</p> <p>(l) Continuing to promote and enhance effective measures, including fiscal and financial sector reforms for better domestic resource mobilization, and reallocating public resources for investment in social development, inter alia through the appropriate reduction of excessive military expenditures, including global military expenditures;</p> <p>(m) Strengthening human and institutional capacities for the formulation, application and evaluation of relevant policies and actions in the above areas.</p>	

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3.	Building human and institutional capacities		
	<u>A. Social infrastructure and social service delivery</u>	<p>(a) Increasing budgetary allocations in favour of social infrastructure and basic social services, including through intersectoral reallocation and appropriate cost-recovery measures, with due consideration for the protection of the poor;</p> <p>(b) Creating an efficient environment for and enhancing the effectiveness of social sector investment, including through greater reliance on a participatory local community approach in the design, implementation and evaluation of measures relating to the provision of social infrastructures and basic social services, particularly to improve the condition of the poor members of the community, including through building on deeply embedded traditions of voluntary mutual aid and self-help forms of social capital;</p> <p>(c) Offering training, including on-the-job training, to social service providers, particularly to teachers and health-care personnel, taking into account gender equality;</p> <p>(d) Encouraging private sector involvement to complement public sector provision of social infrastructure and social services within an appropriate regulatory framework, and seeking lessons from the past in order to avoid repeating failure;</p>	<p>(a) Making determined efforts to increase ODA in support of LDCs' efforts towards provision of social infrastructure and social services, in order to reach the UN social targets in this Programme of Action;</p> <p>(b) Promoting and encouraging innovative sources of funding and providing technical support through partnerships among LDC and donor Governments, the national and international private sector, and NGOs and foundations;</p> <p>(c) Contributing to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the social sector by reducing aid-related transaction costs and facilitating government coordination efforts among relevant stakeholders;</p> <p>(d) Assisting in improving the collection and dissemination of relevant information, including in the establishment and improvement of national health facilities and statistics in LDCs;</p> <p>(e) Assisting LDCs in developing effective safety nets and swift response mechanisms to cope with natural disasters and socio-economic shocks, including those resulting from economic reform programmes and fiscal adjustment.</p>

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		<p>(e) Giving adequate priority to issues of housing and sustainable human settlements in rural areas and in urban locations with a concentration of the poor;</p> <p>(f) Making efforts towards the establishment and improvement of national health facilities and statistics.</p>	
	<p><u>B. Population</u></p> <p>5. Making accessible, through the primary health care system, reproductive health to all individuals of appropriate ages as soon as possible and no later than the year 2015</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>6. Making available the widest achievable range of safe, effective, affordable and acceptable family planning and contraceptive methods</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>	<p>(a) Strengthening population policies and strategies consistent with internationally agreed goals and objectives, as well as with the particular circumstances and demographic trends of LDCs, as an integral part of development policies;</p> <p>(b) Strengthening basic health care systems and increasing access to and availability of the widest range of quality health care, including reproductive and sexual health care and promoting reproductive rights as defined in the ICPD Programme of Action, in the broader context of health sector reform, with particular emphasis on maternal/child health;</p> <p>(c) Addressing effectively, including through appropriate policies, problems and conditions of labour supply and internal migration.</p>	<p>(a) Providing enhanced and strengthened support to LDCs in their efforts to build national capacity for formulating and implementing population and development policies and strategies and to access and use appropriate technology and know-how;</p> <p>(b) Assisting LDCs to redress the severe inadequacies in demographic data that restrict effective policy regarding population and development;</p> <p>(c) Providing support, including technical, financial or other forms of support, to LDCs to improve conditions of labour supply and mitigate problems of migration.</p>
	<p><u>C. Education and training</u></p> <p>7. Ensuring that by 2015 all children, particularly girls,</p>	<p>(a) Assigning high priority to education, particularly basic education and vocational training, in development budgets, to improve access to and quality of education;</p>	<p>(a) Providing enhanced support, including strengthened ODA, from both bilateral and multilateral sources, to reach the above targets on education and literacy;</p>

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	<p>children in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete, free and compulsory primary education of good quality</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>8. Achieving a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>9. Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005, and achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls' full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>	<p>quality of education;</p> <p>(b) Mobilizing national and international political will for Education for All and developing or strengthening existing National Action Plans on Education, as agreed at the Education for All Conference in Dakar, integrated into a wider poverty reduction and development framework, to ensure that all girls and boys and women and men gain the core skills they need to take advantage of economic opportunities;</p> <p>(c) Redressing pro-urban and pro-male bias in educational policies, where it exists, by actions on both the demand and supply sides, improving curricula and teacher training so that they are gender-sensitive, and improving girls' enrolment at primary and secondary levels in both urban and rural areas;</p> <p>(d) Developing and strengthening instruction and technical and vocational training on science and technology, particularly information and communications technologies (ICTs), and exploiting the potential contribution of ICTs to learning, including through the use of distance learning;</p> <p>(e) Taking measures to reduce drop-out rates of children, especially girls, particularly to retain in school children who are poor, vulnerable, disadvantaged and socially marginalized;</p>	<p>education and literacy;</p> <p>(b) Helping LDCs develop or strengthen national plans of action for education, with provision of special technical support to countries facing significant challenges, such as complex crises and natural disasters;</p> <p>(c) Providing support to institutional capacity-building for the formulation and implementation of human resources and institutional development policies and intensifying efforts to transfer knowledge and improve the capacity for local knowledge creation in LDCs;</p> <p>(d) Supporting systemic reform activities in the education sector;</p> <p>(e) Encouraging and assisting LDCs in building capacities for pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary education and technical and vocational training;</p> <p>(f) Strengthening local stakeholders working in education, largely through local communities and locally based schooling initiatives;</p> <p>(g) Supporting LDC Governments in expanding and strengthening education programmes related to HIV/AIDS, malaria,</p>

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		<p>disadvantaged and socially marginalized;</p> <p>(f) Promoting partnership with the private sector in an integrated system that links education, training and employment, including self-employment;</p> <p>(g) Enhancing non-formal education in order to promote adult literacy among women and men;</p> <p>(h) Developing an incentive system to attract highly qualified nationals working abroad to take advantage of their skills and make good use of their experience for facilitation of networking between the institutions in which they were working and LDCs' institutions;</p> <p>(i) Implementing education programmes and actions, including public awareness programmes, to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic, tuberculosis, malaria, and other communicable diseases;</p> <p>(j) Promoting a culture of peace, particularly through education, and strengthening efforts towards peaceful resolution of conflicts;</p> <p>(k) Strengthening health education programmes, complemented by immunization programmes, nutrition, safe water and sanitation and the creation of healthier environments, in recognition that healthy well-nourished children are better learners.</p>	<p>tuberculosis and other communicable diseases, in partnership with NGOs and other national stakeholders;</p> <p>(h) Supporting initiatives to overcome barriers to girls' education, and achieving expanded and improved learning for girls;</p> <p>(i) Assisting with efforts, including through technical or other forms of support, to introduce innovative education and training methods, including distance learning;</p> <p>(j) Encouraging and facilitating networking among educational and training institutions in developed countries and those in LDCs, including provision of voluntary services in educational and training fields;</p> <p>(k) Providing financial and non-financial resources for research and development activities carried out in LDCs, including facilitating partnerships between researchers in LDCs and researchers in development partner countries granting incentives to international researchers to participate in R & D activities in LDCs in such areas as health and sanitation, nutrition, education, and other social services;</p> <p>(l) Supporting LDCs' efforts in developing an</p>

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		well-nourished children are better learners.	incentive system to attract highly qualified nationals working abroad.
	<p><u>D. Health, nutrition and sanitation</u></p> <p>10. Reducing the infant mortality rate below 35 per 1,000 live births by 2015</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>11. Reducing the under 5 mortality rate below 45 per 1,000 live births by 2015;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>12. Reducing the maternal mortality rate by three-quarters of the current rate by 2015;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>13. Reducing the number of undernourished people by half by the year 2015;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>14. Reducing by half by 2015 the proportion of people who are</p>	<p>(a) Developing health systems in which special attention is given to the poorest sectors of society by promoting community participation, including, when possible, useful and proven traditional structures, in planning and managing basic health services, including health promotion and disease prevention, bearing in mind the gender aspect;</p> <p>(b) Increasing public expenditure and encouraging greater private and community investment to achieve international goals and targets in the area of health, nutrition and sanitation consistent with public policy objectives related to equitable access;</p> <p>(c) Implementing policies to improve physical and economic access by all to sufficient, nutritionally adequate and safe foods;</p> <p>(d) Embarking on prioritized and verifiable programmes for the prevention, treatment and control of communicable disease, particularly HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, diarrhoeal disease and respiratory disease, including the enhancement of public health infrastructures;</p>	<p>(a) Enhancing ODA and other forms of support, including technical support, for health, safe water and sanitation and supporting LDCs in ensuring access to and availability of safe drinking water by the year 2005;</p> <p>(b) Assisting the LDCs to develop sustainable capabilities to provide their people with access to sufficient, nutritionally adequate and safe food;</p> <p>(c) Assisting LDCs to set up effective health infrastructures and to increase access to necessary medicines and vaccines, including urging the pharmaceutical industry to make drugs related to communicable diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, more widely available and affordable, particularly for the LDCs, while reaffirming the need for strict compliance with safety and quality assurance and other relevant laws and regulations;</p> <p>(d) Recognizing and protecting traditional knowledge while continuing discussions on the subject in the appropriate fora;</p> <p>(e) Supporting LDC Governments in</p>

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	<p>unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>15. Reducing HIV infection rates in persons 15 -24 years of age by 2005 in all countries, and by 25 per cent in the most affected countries;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>16. Increasing the percentage of women receiving maternal and prenatal care by 60 per cent;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>17. Halving malnutrition among pregnant women and among pre-school children in LDCs by 2015;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>18. Substantially reducing infection rates from malaria, tuberculosis and other killer diseases in LDCs by the end of the decade; reducing tuberculosis (TB) deaths and prevalence of the disease by 50 per cent by 2010; and</p>	<p>(e) Giving priority to strengthening the provision of social services related to health care, including nutrition, disease prevention, immunization, education, clean water and safe sanitation;</p> <p>(f) Embracing programmes geared toward providing care for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and for children orphaned by AIDS;</p> <p>(g) Encouraging domestic research capacity-building and fully exploiting traditional knowledge systems in the areas of health, as well as adopting best practices elsewhere;</p> <p>(h) Developing and implementing prophylactic programmes for preventable childhood diseases and conditions;</p> <p>(i) Increasing the availability and accessibility of safe drinking water, particularly for rural populations.</p>	<p>expanding and strengthening programmes related to HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases, in partnership with NGOs, the private sector and other national stakeholders;</p> <p>(f) Supporting research and analysis on the effects of environmental pollution on human health as a factor limiting economic growth and development;</p> <p>(g) Supporting LDCs' Governments in strengthening programmes for control of epidemics, including quarantine processes and infrastructure.</p>

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	<p>reducing the burden of disease associated with malaria by 50 per cent by 2010;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>19. Promoting child health and survival and reducing disparities between and within developed and developing countries as quickly as possible, with particular attention to eliminating the pattern of excess and preventable mortality among girl infants and children;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>20. Improving the health and nutritional status of infants and children;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>21. Promoting breast feeding as a child survival strategy</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>		
	<u>E. Social integration</u>	(a) Supporting civil society, including traditional and community organizations, in efforts to invest in building social capital and social networks, particularly for the poor and marginalized;	(a) Strengthening support for policies and measures in LDCs that enhance social integration and social safety nets, including those which encourage voluntary actions, as well as organizations and mechanisms in the

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		<p>(b) Promoting appropriate legislation for greater social integration and social inclusion, paying special attention to minorities and other vulnerable groups;</p> <p>(c) Promoting education programmes that emphasize tolerance based on race, religion, sex, age or ethnicity;</p> <p>(d) Promoting diversification of income sources and crop and plot utilization, with the full participation of those involved at the community level;</p> <p>(e) Establishing and strengthening microcredit institutions in view of their capacity to make available credit, mobilize savings and provide related financial and business services for an increasing number of people living in poverty, particularly women.</p>	<p>governmental and non-governmental sectors promoting such policies;</p> <p>(b) Strengthening the capability and encouraging the cooperation of relevant UN agencies to promote social integration and social safety nets, particularly in complex emergencies and in post-conflict and disaster management strategies;</p> <p>(c) Supporting the strengthening of existing and emerging microcredit institutions in LDCs;</p> <p>(d) Providing a greater financial response to United Nations consolidated humanitarian appeals in respect of LDCs.</p>

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4.	Building productive capacities to make globalization work for LDCs		
	<p>A. Physical infrastructure</p> <p>22. Increasing road networks or connections in LDCs to the current level of other developing countries and urban road capacities, including sewerage and other related facilities, by 2010;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>23. Modernizing and expanding ports and airports and their ancillary facilities to enhance their capacities by 2010;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>24. Modernizing and expanding railway connections and facilities, increasing their capacities to the level of those in other developing countries by the end of the decade;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>25. Increasing LDCs' communication networks, including telecommunication and postal services, and improving access of the poor to such services in urban and rural areas to reach the current levels in other</p>	<p>(a) Providing support to the development and strengthening of critical areas of physical infrastructure, including rural infrastructure, transportation, energy, telecommunications, information and communications technologies, and water, including through the encouragement of more private investment;</p> <p>(b) Promoting a bilateral, subregional and regional approach to economic infrastructure rehabilitation and development in order to gain economies of scale and attract both FDI and donor funding.</p>	<p>(a) Supporting, inter alia through ODA, LDC efforts to upgrade and develop physical infrastructures, by augmenting public investment in maintaining, upgrading and developing such infrastructure;</p> <p>(b) Providing technical support and private sector guarantees to support infrastructural programmes in order to facilitate bilateral, subregional and regional complementarities, including between land-locked LDCs and their transit partners;</p> <p>(c) Supporting infrastructure development through inter alia public investment and by facilitating private investment in order to enhance trade, at the national, regional, and international levels;</p> <p>(d) Supporting LDCs' efforts to attract private investment and facilitate the transfer of the relevant technology, in accordance with relevant multilateral agreements, for the development of physical infrastructure.</p>

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4.	<p>Building productive capacities to make globalization work for LDCs</p> <p>developing countries;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>26. Increasing computer literacy among students in higher institutions and universities by 50 per cent and in junior and high schools by 25 per cent by 2015;</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>27. Increasing average telephone density to 5 main lines per 100 inhabitants and Internet connections to 10 users per 100 inhabitants by the year 2010.</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>		
	<p><u>B. Technology</u></p>	<p>(a) Articulating policies and measures to foster an enabling environment to facilitate the acquisition and development of technology and to enhance innovation capacity;</p> <p>(b) Attracting FDI that is conducive to transfer of technology, and building up supply capabilities and promoting inter-firm as well as horizontal and vertical linkages in order to foster the diffusion of new technologies within the economy while promoting its integration;</p>	<p>(a) Through financial, technical and/or other assistance, supporting LDCs' efforts to achieve levels of investment in infrastructure for education and training that are consistent with building local technological capabilities, including through innovative private partnerships;</p> <p>(b) Assisting LDC firms to link up with firms in developed countries in ways that would play a catalytic role in LDC technological development;</p> <p>(c) Considering innovative mechanisms with a</p>

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		<p>(c) Promoting appropriate and sustainable technologies by investing in local research and development and capacity -building programmes and by utilizing new and emerging technologies, including the Internet.</p>	<p>view to according LDCs special treatment in facilitating acquisition, transfer and development of technology to help LDCs gain access to technology;</p> <p>(d) Fostering concerted international partnership to bring the benefits of ICT to LDCs so as to improve connectivity and reduce the “digital divide”;</p> <p>(e) Promoting linkages between research and development institutions in the LDCs and their development partners;</p> <p>(f) Complying fully with already existing multilateral commitments in the area of technology transfer, particularly by providing incentives as provided for and agreed in article 66(2) of the TRIPS Agreement;</p> <p>(g) Taking concrete measures to facilitate access to or provide technology and equipment inter alia as part of ODA.</p>
	<u>C. Enterprise development</u>	<p>(a) Creating an enabling environment for the development of entrepreneurship, including by providing access to finance, including new and innovative forms of financing, as well as targeted business support services to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in rural and urban areas, including</p>	<p>(a) Complementing the domestic efforts of LDCs by supporting programmes to improve access of informal, small and medium-sized enterprises to financial and business services, inter alia through public and private venture capital funds and partnerships as well as microcredit</p>

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		<p>female entrepreneurs;</p> <p>(b) Promoting the informal sector through an appropriate legal and institutional framework, including property rights, that facilitates their graduation to the formal sector and improves access to energy, land, water and credit;</p> <p>(c) Creating mechanisms for public-private sector dialogue and partnership in order to enhance coherence between trade, investment and enterprise policies and in this regard assist capacity-building of representative business associations.</p>	<p>mechanisms, and to build the capacity of local sectoral trade support institutions in both the private and public sectors, as a means of transferring and diffusing technology;</p> <p>(b) Providing support to strengthen managerial and technical skills and other business support services, including access to information;</p> <p>(c) Encouraging public-private dialogue and partnerships with LDC enterprises to facilitate foreign direct investment flows, including technology and other intangible assets;</p> <p>(d) Providing support for capacity-building programmes that provide training, business-development services, networking and partnering, and the institutional framework to foster entrepreneurial capabilities, managerial and technical skills, as well as the growth of internationally competitive small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).</p>
	<u>D. Energy</u>	<p>(a) Facilitating the availability of affordable energy, including through the introduction and promotion of innovative financing schemes in rural areas, such as micro-financing and cooperative arrangements for credit and licensing agreements, in order to encourage the involvement of the private sector in providing energy services;</p>	<p>(a) Supporting the LDCs in their development of energy resources, including renewable energy, natural gas and other clean energy sources, inter alia through financial assistance and by facilitating private sector investment;</p> <p>(b) Facilitating the transfer of technology for</p>

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		<p>services;</p> <p>(b) Enhancing capacities in energy production, trade, and distribution;</p> <p>(c) Promoting renewable energy development by putting in place an enabling policy environment, with appropriate institutional arrangements;</p> <p>(d) Promoting policies that address energy requirements and, in this context, giving as appropriate preference to cost-effective energy sources, including fossil and renewable energy development;</p> <p>(e) Encouraging regional, subregional and bilateral cooperation in research and development, as well as investment to increase the production and consumption of both renewable and clean fossil fuels and to encourage the interconnection of energy grids;</p> <p>(f) Attracting domestic and foreign investments to increase energy infrastructure by creating a predictable and transparent framework of rules and regulations.</p>	<p>the development of clean energy technologies in accordance with relevant international agreements;</p> <p>(c) Promoting capacity building in the energy sector, including through national and regional centres of excellence;</p> <p>(d) Addressing LDCs' concerns in coping with increases in prices of energy imports, inter alia by supporting LDC efforts to diversify sources of energy, where feasible, and to take measures so that energy policies are supportive of LDCs' efforts to eradicate poverty;</p> <p>(e) Supporting LDC efforts to diversify sources of energy, where feasible, in order to reduce dependence on any one source.</p>
	<u>E. Agriculture and agro-industries</u>	<p>(a) Increasing public and private investments in agriculture and programmes for rural economic and social infrastructure, including improving access to rural credit facilities, providing improved investment incentives in accordance with their international commitments, as well as supporting institutions</p>	<p>(a) Providing support for LDCs' undertakings to improve agricultural productivity and increase competitiveness, inter alia through ODA and increased foreign direct investment;</p>

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		<p>involved in research and development and extension services;</p> <p>(b) Strengthening and supporting national, subregional and regional institutions for agriculture and rural development and facilitating their adaptation to changing conditions;</p> <p>(c) Increasing access of the poor, particularly women, to support services and productive resources, particularly land, water, credit and extension services;</p> <p>(d) Encouraging structural adaptations in production, processing and marketing systems so as to respond to evolving consumption patterns and to reduce costs and build on complementarities between production of cash and food crops and livestock, fisheries and forestry;</p> <p>(e) Taking appropriate measures to implement national programmes of action derived from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, in particular measures to conserve soil fertility and forestry and rehabilitate marginal lands;</p> <p>(f) Facilitating access of farmers to appropriate high-yield varieties of seeds for both food staples and cash crops;</p> <p>(g) Facilitating access of products to domestic and</p>	<p>(b) Facilitating access of LDCs to appropriate agricultural technologies and practices;</p> <p>(c) Supporting LDCs' actions for the implementation of the national programmes of action deriving from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, in particular measures to conserve soil, fertility and forestry and rehabilitate marginal lands;</p> <p>(d) Supporting the mechanization of agriculture for higher productivity;</p> <p>(e) Supporting LDCs in developing irrigation infrastructure to reduce heavy dependence on rainfall;</p> <p>(f) Supporting development and expansion of social services and physical infrastructure to augment agricultural production;</p> <p>(g) Providing support for LDC R&D policies and actions by, among others, improving access to advanced scientific and technological breakthroughs in the field of agriculture, including biotechnologies.</p>

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		<p>external markets;</p> <p>(h) Promoting agro-based industries as a means to improve agricultural technology, raise rural incomes and foster stronger linkages between agriculture and industry;</p> <p>(i) Diversifying production and exports from low value-added to high value-added products;</p> <p>(j) Strengthening farmers' capacities so as to improve crop intensity, land cultivation, production, harvesting and storage systems;</p> <p>(k) Developing agricultural marketing systems and storage and other related facilities and services.</p>	
	<u>G. Manufacturing and mining</u>	<p>(a) Enhancing public investment with a view to supporting rehabilitation and sustainable development of the manufacturing sector and fostering domestic and foreign private investment;</p> <p>(b) Employing selective, performance-related and time-bound protection of infant industries while seeking to end infant industry protection as soon as possible. Such protection should be used strictly as a transitional provision to address market failures such as public and private monopolies and promote learning and capacity -building for future competitiveness;</p>	<p>(a) Supporting LDCs' efforts to increase public and private investment, and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies on favourable terms, including concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed and in accordance with relevant international agreements, in the manufacturing and processing sector;</p> <p>(b) Providing technical support for geological mapping and compilation of basic data on local mineral potential, product adaptation and market studies for small and medium-scale mines, as well as acquisition of new technologies, skills and</p>

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		<p>competitiveness;</p> <p>(c) Creating a framework, including by removing barriers discouraging private sector initiatives, that fosters horizontal and vertical ties among manufacturing firms and promotes collective efficiency, stimulates learning, and facilitates their access to infrastructure, training, information and financial intermediation;</p> <p>(d) Developing capacity, including through public/private partnerships, to undertake geological mapping, maintain an updated data bank on mineral resources, and provide physical infrastructure in known mineral-rich areas with a view to stimulating private-sector involvement in mining;</p> <p>(e) Encouraging local processing and value adding, including through diversification, and assisting informal, small-scale artisan mining entities to upgrade into organized, formal small-scale mining units.</p>	<p>modern methods of management by small-scale mining entities, including facilitating LDC partnerships with private investors.</p>
	<u>H. Rural development and food security</u>	<p>(a) Reviewing and revising, as appropriate, their national plans, programmes and strategies with a view to achieving food security and rural development;</p> <p>(b) Strengthening local institutions and enacting policies and legislation that provide for more equitable and secure access to ownership and control</p>	<p>(a) Assisting countries in reviewing and formulating national plans for achieving food security and rural development;</p> <p>(b) Providing technical and other forms of assistance to LDCs to attain food security and implement rural development programmes;</p>

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		<p>of natural resources, particularly land, water, fisheries and forests, by both women and men;</p> <p>(c) Strengthening agriculture and rural development support institutions and facilitating their adaptation to changing conditions, in consultation with users and giving due importance to gender -based and other inequalities in access to services;</p> <p>(d) Promoting rural industries as a means to improve agricultural technology and raise rural incomes;</p> <p>(e) Supporting and encouraging grassroots development activities, rural cooperatives and peasants' initiatives;</p> <p>(f) Providing facilities for rural credit;</p> <p>(g) Continuing the process of liberalizing trade, expanding the sources of food supply and encouraging efficiencies in agricultural production, which will expand economic growth and food security;</p> <p>(h) Improving transport infrastructure and free flow of information with a view to more effective movement of food from surplus to deficit regions;</p> <p>(i) Developing integrated nutrition projects for vulnerable sections of LDCs' population;</p>	<p>implement rural development programmes;</p> <p>(c) Providing support to programmes and initiatives in LDCs, inter alia through ODA to improve rural credit facilities and enhance investment in rural economic and social infrastructure;</p> <p>(d) Facilitating food security through bilateral, regional and multilateral approaches, including purchase in regional markets in LDCs;</p> <p>(e) Fully and effectively implementing the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least -Developed and Net -Food -Importing Developing Countries adopted in Marrakech in 1994 and endorsed by the World Food Summit in 1996;</p> <p>(f) Considering helping LDCs to cope with rising food requirements, including through market -based mechanisms providing insurance for small-scale farmers against sudden terms-of-trade losses on agricultural export markets;</p> <p>(g) Assisting LDCs' efforts to boost food production productivity to the benefit of the poor;</p> <p>(h) Providing adequate food aid to LDCs facing</p>

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		<p>vulnerable sections of LDCs' population;</p> <p>(j) Undertaking legislative and administrative reforms to give women full and equal access to economic resources, including the right to inheritance and ownership of land and other property, credit, natural resources and appropriate technology.</p>	<p>severe food shortages, including food emergencies, and extending assistance to early warning systems, while seeking to avoid disruption of domestic food production.</p>
	<u>I. Sustainable tourism</u>	<p>(a) Promoting a climate conducive to tourism;</p> <p>(b) Recognizing the potential of the tourism sector in national development strategies, and ensuring effective participation of domestic tourism authorities in the national decision-making process;</p> <p>(c) Determining the most desirable tourism product specialization in order to guide potential investors in their decisions;</p> <p>(d) Promoting domestic and foreign investment in the tourism industry and related sectors with full respect for natural and cultural heritage;</p> <p>(e) Taking measures to facilitate local tourism operators' access to and participation in global information and distribution systems;</p> <p>(f) Formulating strategies to achieve the most beneficial linkages between tourism and land, sea and, particularly, air transport.</p>	<p>(a) Supporting LDCs' efforts to encourage investment in the tourism industry and enterprise development in the wider tourism economy, in particular through increased access to finance and the development of local human resources;</p> <p>(b) Assisting LDCs in their efforts to enhance their economic efficiency, competitiveness and the sustainability of tourism operations, in particular by assisting their efforts to access and participate in global distribution systems and use appropriate technology;</p> <p>(c) Assisting LDCs in their efforts to promote synergy between transport and tourism, with particular reference to air transport;</p> <p>(d) Considering providing financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance to support LDCs' efforts to strengthen their national capacities in the field of tourism.</p>

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	<u>A. Trade, commodities and regional trading arrangements</u>	<p>(a) Strengthening efforts to integrate trade policies into national development policies towards poverty eradication;</p> <p>(b) Capacity-building in trade policy and related areas such as tariffs, customs, competition, investment and technology, including through the use of the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance for LDCs (IF);</p> <p>(c) Improving economic openness and policy predictability, as well as sound macro-economic policy;</p> <p>(d) Developing human and institutional capacities for effective and informed participation in the multilateral trading system and for effective negotiations on trade, finance, technology transfer and related areas;</p> <p>(e) Removing procedural and institutional bottlenecks that increase transaction costs, including through efforts to improve efficiency, efficacy and transparency by the implementation of trade facilitation measures and improving standards and quality control;</p> <p>(f) Taking advantage of market access</p>	<p>(a) Assisting LDCs in capacity-building in trade policy and related areas such as tariffs, customs, competition, investment and technology, particularly through the use of the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance for LDCs (IF);</p> <p>(b) Assisting LDCs in developing human and institutional capacities for effective negotiations and informed participation in the multilateral trading system in order that LDCs reap maximum benefits from it;</p> <p>(c) Assisting LDCs in removing procedural and institutional bottlenecks that increase transaction costs, including through efforts to improve efficiency, efficacy and transparency by the implementation of trade facilitation measures and improving standards and quality control;</p> <p>(d) Assisting LDCs in intensifying horizontal and vertical diversification, including local processing of primary commodities;</p> <p>(e) Providing financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance in support of LDCs' efforts to improve their transport infrastructure, particularly the efforts of island and landlocked LDCs, so as to</p>

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		<p>opportunities through the identification and strengthening of lead subsectors in order to exploit actual and potential supply capacity;</p> <p>(g) Promoting trade and the competitiveness of exports in order to facilitate the integration of domestic enterprises into the international economy;</p> <p>(h) Intensifying horizontal and vertical diversification, including local processing of primary commodities;</p> <p>(i) Promoting subregional and regional cooperation, including for export promotion, and improving transport infrastructure to reduce costs and increase trade flows, taking into account the needs of landlocked LDCs and transit neighbours;</p> <p>(j) Implementing measures to enable women in LDCs, especially women entrepreneurs, to exploit the opportunities created by trade policy reforms and to mitigate any negative effects on them of these reforms;</p> <p>(k) Ensuring that food, agricultural trade, and overall trade policies are conducive to fostering food security for all through fair and market oriented agricultural trading system.</p>	<p>reduce costs and increase trade flows;</p> <p>(f) Supporting, inter alia through financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance, LDCs' efforts to promote subregional and regional cooperation, including for export promotion;</p> <p>(g) Assisting LDCs in their efforts to implement measures to enable women in LDCs, especially women entrepreneurs, to exploit the opportunities created by trade policy reforms and to mitigate any negative effects on them of these reforms;</p> <p><i>Market access</i></p> <p>(h) Improving preferential market access for LDCs by working towards the objective of duty-free and quota-free market access for all LDCs' products. This will apply in the markets of developed countries. Improvements in market access for LDCs should be granted on a secure and predictable basis. They should be combined with simplified rules of origin that provide transparency and predictability so as to help ensure that LDCs benefit from the market access granted, and multi-donor programmes, such as the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance (IF), to upgrade LDCs' production and export capacities and capabilities. Consideration should also be given to proposals for developing countries</p>

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			<p>to contribute to improved market access for LDCs' exports;</p> <p><i>Special and differential treatment</i></p> <p>(i) Implementing in full and as a matter of priority the special and differential measures in favour of LDCs as contained in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round. New measures for LDCs should also be considered as part of future multilateral trade negotiations;</p> <p>(j) Continuing to improve the generalized system of preferences (GSP) for LDCs, inter alia by reducing administrative and procedural complexities and by making it more predictable;</p> <p>(k) In any appropriate negotiations, examining the possibility of strengthening the effectiveness of non-actionable categories of subsidies in order to take into account the needs of LDCs;</p> <p>(l) Increasing support to enhance agricultural production and productivity;</p> <p>(m) Strengthening, as required, technical assistance for the implementation of multilateral trade agreements and considering making such technical assistance an integral part of commitments to be taken in future trade</p>

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			<p>agreements. Technical cooperation in areas related to the implementation of existing or possible new WTO agreements should complement LDCs' trade policy reforms;</p> <p>(n) Providing technical assistance for the implementation of the WTO Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade and on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures with a view to responding to the special problems faced by the LDCs;</p> <p><i>Accession to WTO</i></p> <p>(o) As some developing countries, including a considerable number of LDCs, are not members of WTO, facilitating the accession process on the basis of terms that take into account their stage of development and the basic principles of special and differential treatment. In the meantime, supporting efforts of LDCs already seeking to accede, which will include:</p> <p>(o1) Ensuring that the accession process is more effective and less onerous and tailored to their specific economic conditions, inter alia by streamlining WTO procedural requirements;</p> <p>(o2) Providing for automatic eligibility of all acceding LDCs for all provisions on special and differential treatment in existing WTO agreements;</p>

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			<p>(o3) In view of LDCs' special economic situation and their development, financial and trade needs, WTO members should exercise restraint, where appropriate, in seeking concessions in the negotiations on market access for goods and services in keeping with the letter and spirit of the provisions of the Ministerial Decision on Measures in Favour of the Least Developed Countries;</p> <p>(o4) Seeking from LDCs in the accession stage only commitments that are commensurate with their level of development;</p> <p>(o5) Continuing to provide adequate and predictable assistance to LDCs for their accession process, including technical, financial or other forms of assistance</p> <p>(o6) Accelerating the accession process for LDCs that are in the process of accession to WTO.</p> <p><i>Standard-setting and quality control</i></p> <p>(p) Continuing to provide support for effective participation by LDCs in international standard-setting organizations in order to address their concerns;</p> <p>(q) Providing assistance to LDCs in developing</p>

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			<p>infrastructure to ensure quality control and conformity with international standards of their products;</p> <p>(r) Adhering to international standards, guidelines and recommendations when applying sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and other technical standards as laid out in the SPS Agreement, and avoiding taking unilateral actions in a manner inconsistent with the Agreement;</p> <p>(s) Taking measures, where appropriate, to compensate for trade losses incurred by the LDCs as a result of unilateral SPS trade measures found to be inconsistent with the SPS Agreement, or, in the case of disputes among non-WTO members, measures inconsistent with agreed international standards and guidelines;</p> <p><i>Commodities</i></p> <p>(t) LDCs are particularly vulnerable to high fluctuations in resource flows through their exposure to external terms of trade shocks. The recent downward swing in the prices of primary commodities and the upward swing in petroleum prices are only the latest examples of the effect of volatility of commodity prices on the poorest countries. Diversification of the export base would therefore help LDCs to overcome one of the most important weaknesses of their development.</p>

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			<p>Furthermore, economic development in LDCs would benefit from policies aimed at developing the informal sector and the small and medium -size enterprises in LDCs;</p> <p>(u) Supporting capacity building in the areas of research and development, production, processing and marketing of commodities, including addition of non -traditional commodities where market niches offer fresh opportunities;</p> <p>(v) Supporting diversification programmes in LDCs, including by strengthening activities covered by the Second Account of the Common Fund for Commodities and adaptive research and development (R&D) on production and processing aimed particularly at smallholders and small and medium -sized enterprises in these countries;</p> <p>(w) Continuing to provide technical and financial support to enhance the productive capacities of LDCs through stimulating investment, human resources development and enhancing technological capacities with a view to increasing the commodity exports of LDCs;</p> <p>(x) Providing assistance, including financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance, to LDCs in their efforts to create essential infrastructure to facilitate the functioning of liberalized domestic</p>

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			<p>and regional markets;</p> <p>(y) Encouraging private sector initiatives and supporting the establishment of partnerships with foreign companies as inter alia a vehicle for the transfer of production and marketing skills;</p> <p>(z) Supporting LDCs' efforts in building institutional and technical capacities to gain access to and make use of modern risk management techniques and tools;</p> <p>(aa) Continuing to provide compensatory financing in order to mitigate adverse consequences of commodity price volatility on LDC economies;</p> <p>(bb) Supporting LDCs' efforts to develop and take advantage of niche markets for goods such as horticultural, meat, fish and organic products and handicrafts, as well as cultural products;</p> <p><i>Regional trading arrangements</i></p> <p>(cc) Taking appropriate account in regional integration arrangements of particular constraints that LDCs face as a result of their different level of development and supporting them to enhance their production, supply and trading capacities, as well as their capacity to attract investment;</p>

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			<p>providing support to the process of trade and investment liberalization and macro-economic and structural policy reform, as well as programmes at the regional level intended to enhance the benefits of integration for LDCs; and providing support to concrete joint subregional projects involving LDCs and non-LDCs participating in a subregional trade arrangement and intended to enhance the benefits of integration for LDCs;</p> <p>(dd) Making use of the flexibilities provided for in multilateral trade rules relating to regional trade arrangements involving LDCs with the aim of fostering their smooth and beneficial integration into the world economy;</p> <p><i>Integrated Framework (IF) and other trade-related technical cooperation</i></p> <p>(ee) Integrating trade and trade-related technical assistance in country-specific strategies;</p> <p>(ff) Implementing expeditiously and effectively the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance for LDCs, taking account of the pilot scheme;</p> <p>(gg) Encouraging new and additional contributions to the IF Trust Fund, as well as providing stable and predictable funding for the</p>

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			<p>implementation of the Integrated Framework, including where appropriate considering an increase from the regular budgets of the core agencies, as well as through bilateral programmes;</p> <p>(hh) Continuing to implement existing programmes for coordinated trade-related technical assistance such as the Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme (JITAP) by providing systematic and sustained assistance to the Programme and considering expanding it to cover other African LDCs;</p> <p>(ii) Providing technical and financial assistance to help LDCs create institutional and human capacities in production, processing and increasing domestic value-added, marketing and management know-how in the field of international trade.</p>
	<u>B. Services</u>	<p>(a) Encouraging the strengthening and development of domestic and international services, including the new and emerging ones such as those that rely on telecommunications and ICTs, e.g. data processing services;</p> <p>(b) Improving the availability and efficiency of infrastructure facilities to support services trade;</p>	<p>(a) Supporting, through financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance, individual LDC efforts to develop the infrastructure for tradable services in which they have a comparative advantage;</p> <p>(b) Assisting LDCs' efforts to improve export promotion and marketing;</p>

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		<p>(c) Establishing appropriate institutional and legal frameworks to promote development of the domestic supply capacity in services and to ensure the creation of a competitive environment;</p> <p>(d) Promoting regional trade in services among developing countries through harmonized legislation in selected services sectors for regional liberalization.</p>	<p>(c) Supporting LDCs' efforts in modernizing facilities and equipment, as well as upgrading skills in information technology, including through transfer of technology to service sectors in accordance with relevant WTO Agreements;</p> <p>(d) Providing support for LDCs in their strengthening of local banking systems and other financial services to make them competitive;</p> <p>(e) Assisting LDCs through financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance to enhance their supply capacity in tradable services, especially in tourism, air transport and other sectors of interest to LDCs;</p> <p>(f) Removing restrictions and enhancing market access opportunities for service exports from LDCs, as provided for in relevant WTO Agreements in areas of export interest to them.</p>
	<u>C. Reducing the impact of external economic shocks</u>	<p>(a) Pursuing balanced policies that seek to limit transmission of external shocks into the domestic economy while promoting gradual liberalization;</p> <p>(b) Developing safety nets to protect the poor and vulnerable segments of the population against the consequences of external shocks;</p>	<p>(a) Pursuing policies that aim at minimizing the risks of adverse external economic shocks and promoting a more predictable and stable international economic environment;</p> <p>(b) Continuing to provide contingency and short-term emergency financial assistance, including balance-of-payments support through</p>

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		<p>(c) Intensifying efforts to improve international competitiveness, including through trade facilitation measures and the use of electronic commerce and other facilities based on modern technology;</p> <p>(d) Encouraging diversification in economic activities that are less prone to adverse external economic shocks, based on local competitive advantages. Diversification efforts should take place within a broader and integrated approach;</p> <p>(e) Strengthening domestic financial systems through the implementation of an appropriate framework of rules and regulations, including through adequate prudential and supervisory mechanisms.</p>	<p>appropriate institutions, with a view to assisting LDCs to cope with the consequences of serious external shocks;</p> <p>(c) Assisting LDCs in their efforts to strengthen their financial systems.</p>

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	<u>A. Protecting the environment</u>	<p>(a) Developing and implementing national strategies for sustainable development, with the assistance of development partners, so as to reverse trends in the loss of national environmental resources;</p> <p>(b) Increasing efforts to ensure integrated responses to environmental and economic constraints, in the light of country-specific environmental and economic constraints and profiles of poverty and vulnerability;</p> <p>(c) Strengthening the institutional and technological capacity to promote sustained economic growth and sustainable development by increasing the ability of policy makers to formulate and implement relevant legislation and environmental management plans;</p> <p>(d) Strengthening the important role of women in land and forest management and in the choice and dissemination of appropriate technology;</p> <p>(e) Encouraging sensitization and advocacy activities through greater reliance on local communities and their traditional knowledge and practices, civil society and educational institutions;</p>	<p>(a) Continuing to make available financial resources from all sources, including new and additional resources on an adequate and predictable basis and technical or other resources and facilitating and financing access to and transfer of environmentally sound technologies on favourable terms, including concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, and supporting LDCs' efforts in environmental protection in the context of sustainable development;</p> <p>(b) Bringing to fruition the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development by, inter alia, and where appropriate, granting special priority to LDCs in international support, as well as facilitating relevant actions as recommended in the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and implementing multilateral environmental agreements to which they are parties, inter alia the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. This involves, among other elements, financial transfers and capacity-building efforts, including for the development and dissemination of modern and non-polluting energy resources, as well as improved technology for traditional energy resources, including fuel wood, especially in rural areas;</p>

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		<p>(f) Building their capacity in order to be able to respond adequately to existing and new environmental challenges;</p> <p>(g) Identifying the special vulnerabilities and possible adaptation measures that need to be fully integrated into the country's development strategies, including development cooperation programmes.</p>	<p>(c) Renewing the international community's commitment towards LDCs to continue to support the formulation of national environmental policies, development of human resources and institutional capacities, and environmental data bases;</p> <p>(d) Supporting the strengthening of the capacity of the LDCs to participate in international environmental negotiations;</p> <p>(e) Providing assistance, through financial, technical and/or other forms of assistance, to LDCs' efforts to develop and implement national strategies for sustainable development in every country so as to reverse the current trends in the loss of national environmental resources;</p> <p>(f) Supporting the LDCs in their efforts to integrate the environmental component into national development policies and strategies;</p> <p>(g) Assisting LDCs in establishing public-private sector partnerships to address environmental challenges.</p>
	<u>B. Alleviating vulnerability to natural shocks</u>	<p>(a) Strengthening disaster mitigation policies and mechanisms, with a particular focus on the poor, especially women and children, and with the involvement of local communities and NGOs in</p>	<p>(a) Giving priority attention to the LDCs in the substantive programme and institutional arrangements for implementing the new International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;</p>

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		<p>disaster mitigation, early warning systems and preparedness and relief efforts;</p> <p>(b) Pursuing or intensifying efforts to strengthen national early warning and forecasting mechanisms, implementing preventive measures and sensitizing relevant parts of the population to the benefits of disaster preparedness and prevention;</p> <p>(c) Developing and implementing comprehensive disaster mitigation and preparedness, policies and actions. Such policies should also respond to prolonged disasters with a slow onset such as drought, which often has very severe economic, environmental and social impacts;</p> <p>(d) Considering the creation of innovative financial instruments, such as special insurance schemes, to facilitate post-disaster reconstruction with a view to maintaining standards of living and productive capacities in the LDCs.</p>	<p>International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;</p> <p>(b) Providing assistance for disaster mitigation, at the request of affected countries, as well as for improving the capacity of LDCs to identify mitigation scenarios and establishing protective measures and contingency plans;</p> <p>(c) Supporting LDCs' enhancement of capacity to effectively participate in and benefit from regional and international early warning and disaster mitigation and response networks, including through satellite-driven technologies;</p> <p>(d) Sharing operationally useful disaster information, including satellite data, as widely as possible within the international disaster relief community, through appropriate programmes such as the UN web site ReliefWeb.</p>

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	<u>A. Domestic resource mobilization</u>	<p>(a) Taking the necessary measures to stimulate domestic savings, with the goal of increasing domestic savings rates;</p> <p>(b) Developing efficient and appropriate financial systems, including micro-finance, and an appropriate legal and regulatory framework;</p> <p>(c) Establishing stronger links between financial sector and development goals and priorities;</p> <p>(d) Promoting innovative financial mechanisms such as microcredit programmes to mobilize savings and deliver financial services to the poor, including smallholders and the self-employed, particularly women, within an appropriate legal and regulatory framework;</p> <p>(e) Strengthening efforts at enforcing prudential regulations governing banks and other financial institutions and providing central banks and other regulatory bodies with appropriate legal authority and supervisory and surveillance capacity to enforce compliance with relevant laws and regulations;</p> <p>(f) Continuing to improve the performance and competitiveness of both private and public sector banks through recapitalization, expanding private</p>	<p>(a) Supporting LDC efforts to ensure that aid and debt relief measures support rather than undermine domestic resource mobilization efforts. This implies constant attention to the productivity and sustainability of investments financed through aid, as well as awareness of the fiscal implications of aid and debt relief;</p> <p>(b) Promoting mechanisms through which domestic resource mobilization in LDCs can be enhanced by making use of aid resources;</p> <p>(c) Supporting the efforts of LDCs in the areas of financial sector development and reform and in improving access of the poor to credit;</p> <p>(d) Assisting the efforts of all LDCs to strengthen institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks for preventing corruption, bribery, money laundering and illegal transfer of funds, as well as for the repatriation of those funds to the countries of origin.</p>

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		<p>participation, providing managerial training, strengthening accounting and audit practices and developing modern management information systems;</p> <p>(g) Improving the efficiency and equity of tax collection systems, and whenever possible aiming at broadening the tax base, and enhancing the effectiveness and transparency of public expenditure, bearing in mind the interests of the poor;</p> <p>(h) Enacting policies actively seeking to attract flight capital back from abroad;</p> <p>(i) Preventing corruption, bribery and money laundering, illegal transfer of funds and other illicit activities by both public and private entities.</p>	
	<p><u>B. Aid and its effectiveness</u></p> <p>28. Donor countries providing more than 0.20 per cent of their GNP as ODA to LDCs: continue to do so and increase their efforts</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>29. Other donor countries which have met the 0.15 per cent target: undertake to reach the 0.20 per cent</p>	<p>(a) Set up, in the context of national development strategies, the necessary public sector auditing and accounting systems, coherent budgets and medium-term expenditure plans;</p> <p>(b) Integrate and coordinate aid within national plans and priorities and enhance administrative capacity;</p> <p>(c) Design, implement and regularly update national development strategies through dialogue</p>	<p>(a) Donor countries providing more than 0.20 per cent of their GNP as ODA to LDCs: continue to do so and increase their efforts;</p> <p>(b) Other donor countries which have met the 0.15 per cent target: undertake to reach 0.20 per cent expeditiously;</p> <p>(c) All other donor countries which have committed themselves to the 0.15 per cent target: reaffirm their commitment and undertake either to</p>

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	<p>expeditiously</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p> <p>30. All other donor countries which have committed themselves to the 0.15 per cent target: reaffirm their commitment and undertake either to achieve the target within the next five years or to make the best efforts to accelerate their endeavors to reach the target</p> <p><i>Indicators:</i></p>	<p>between government and national stakeholders to enhance national policy ownership;</p> <p>(d) Identify sectors where ODA can have the most significant catalytic effect on efforts to eradicate poverty, and foster sustained economic growth and sustainable development;</p> <p>(e) Establish, with the assistance of development partners, information systems to monitor the use and effectiveness of external resources, including ODA;</p> <p>(f) Support institutional arrangements that encourage public-private partnerships.</p>	<p>achieve the target within the next five years or to make their best efforts to accelerate their endeavours to reach the target;</p> <p>(d) During the period of the Programme of Action, the other donor countries: exercise individual best efforts to increase their ODA to LDCs with the effect that collectively their assistance to LDCs will significantly increase;</p> <p>(e) Support LDCs' efforts to develop information systems which record, at the recipient country level, indicators and other relevant information relating to aid effectiveness, both for individual donors and for the donor community as a whole, by providing logistical equipment for establishing such information systems and training and the maintenance of such systems.</p> <p><i>To better respond to national development programmes, including poverty eradication strategies, and on a mutually agreed basis, donors have agreed to:</i></p> <p>(f) Implement the OECD-DAC recommendation to untie aid to LDCs, which will significantly increase the value of aid in an expeditious manner as agreed in the OECD in May 2001;</p>

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			<p>(g) Improve aid transparency through internal reviews and OECD-DAC peer reviews. These reviews may examine indicators to capture the quality as well as the quantity of the assistance;</p> <p>(h) Work with LDCs, particularly through close consultations at the national level to better measure progress towards achieving international development goals, which could play an important role in strengthening the impact of ODA on the reduction of world poverty;</p> <p>(i) Encourage greater participation of recipient countries in discussions on international aid policy in order to strengthen partnerships and enhance the effectiveness of ODA;</p> <p>(j) Seek to enhance the value of their development assistance by increasing the proportion of goods and services sourced in the recipient LDC or from other LDCs or developing countries to help boost pro-poor economic growth in these countries</p>
	<u>C. External debt</u>	(a) Taking measures to enhance a conducive national policy framework that contributes effectively to poverty eradication and promotes faster economic growth, including fiscal reforms, establishment of a medium-term budgetary framework, sectoral adjustments, faster export growth and increasing	(a) Effectively implementing the enhanced HIPC Initiative and providing adequate financial resources expeditiously for the speedy and full implementation of the enhanced HIPC Initiative, and providing new and additional resources necessary to fulfil the future financial requirements

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		<p>investment, productive capacities, employment and productivity, savings and international competitiveness;</p> <p>(b) Using resources released by debt relief as well as other sources of development finance in a manner that fully takes into account the interests of the poor and also promotes long-term economic growth and beneficial integration of LDCs into the global economy;</p> <p>(c) Designing and implementing nationally - owned development policies and strategies including, where appropriate, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), with full participation of all stakeholders;</p> <p>(d) Initiating joint action with their development partners on the debt situation, including a comprehensive assessment of their debt problems and debt sustainability;</p> <p>(e) Sustaining and intensifying efforts to improve debt management capability <i>inter alia</i> by regularly consulting with creditors and development partners on the debt problem.</p>	<p>of the enhanced HIPC Initiative, on the basis of fair and equitable burden -sharing;</p> <p>(b) Encouraging Non -Paris Club official creditors to participate in debt relief measures to assist LDCs;</p> <p>(c) Making expeditious progress towards full cancellation, in the context of enhanced HIPC, of outstanding official bilateral debt owed by HIPC LDCs;</p> <p>(d) Implementing the enhanced programme of debt relief for the heavily indebted poor countries without further delay and agreeing to cancel all official bilateral debts of those countries in return for their making demonstrable commitments to poverty eradication;</p> <p>(e) Writing off multilateral debt in the context of the enhanced HIPC for LDCs that are HIPCs should be a high priority, and mobilizing sufficient resources for this purpose;</p> <p>(f) Considering on a case by case basis debt relief measures for LDCs which are not HIPCs as an integral part of development processes;</p> <p>(g) Providing debt relief to post -conflict countries under the enhanced HIPC as soon as</p>

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			<p>possible, within the flexibility provided under the HIPC framework;</p> <p>(h) Encouraging creditors in a position to do so to consider a moratorium on debt service payments for LDCs in exceptional cases;</p> <p>(i) Reviewing and continuing to monitor LDCs' debt sustainability in the appropriate fora on the basis of objective criteria and transparent analysis;</p> <p>(j) Actively assisting LDCs to build their capacities in the area of debt management;</p> <p>(k) Assisting LDCs in their efforts to use resources released by debt relief as well as other sources of development finance in a manner that fully takes into account the interests of the poor and also promotes long-term economic growth and beneficial integration of LDCs into the global economy;</p> <p>(l) Supporting LDCs' efforts in designing and implementing nationally -owned development policies and strategies, including, where appropriate, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), with full participation of all stakeholders;</p> <p>(m) Assisting LDCs in ensuring that the benefits of debt relief are used within nationally owned</p>

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			<p>development policies and poverty eradication strategies with a view to attaining long-term economic growth and beneficial integration of LDCs into the global economy;</p> <p>(n) Considering the implementation of mechanisms for debt relief, such as debt swaps and other relevant debt management and relief tools, with such debt relief fully reflecting priorities of national poverty eradication strategies;</p> <p>(o) Assisting LDCs to enhance their capacity to access facilities for commercial debt relief such as the World Bank's debt reduction facility.</p>
	<u>D. FDI and other private external flows</u>	<p>(a) Strengthening the enabling environment for private sector development and foreign investment flows; of particular importance is a supportive regulatory and legal framework for new and existing FDI along with the necessary institutional infrastructure and capacity to implement and maintain it;</p> <p>(b) Designing and implementing policies that reduce risks which deter foreign investment, including through the negotiation of bilateral and regional investment treaties and accession to international conventions providing investment guarantees and insurance, as well as dispute settlement;</p>	<p>(a) Encouraging increased non-official flows, including investment flows, to LDCs;</p> <p>(b) Supporting LDCs in devising and implementing appropriate FDI strategies and policy frameworks and institutions through the development of a comprehensive approach to FDI and actions aimed at improving the regulatory framework and the availability of reliable investment information;</p> <p>(c) Supporting LDCs' efforts to attract foreign businesses and their affiliates, encouraging the appropriate dissemination of tangible and intangible assets, including technology, to</p>

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		<p>settlement;</p> <p>(c) Attracting foreign capital, especially FDI, towards the building of supply capacity;</p> <p>(d) Encouraging linkages between domestic businesses and foreign affiliates with a view towards helping to disseminate appropriately tangible and intangible assets, including technology, to domestic enterprises;</p> <p>(e) Taking appropriate action for the avoidance of double taxation;</p> <p>(f) Improving the timely availability, as well as reliability, of investment information and statistics, including those related to investment opportunities and the regulatory framework.</p>	<p>domestic enterprises in LDCs;</p> <p>(d) Assisting LDCs in human resource development so as to enable them to attract and benefit from FDI and to participate effectively in negotiations on international agreements in this regard;</p> <p>(e) Supporting LDCs' efforts towards infrastructure development to attract FDI flows;</p> <p>(f) Identifying and implementing best practices for encouraging and facilitating FDI to LDCs;</p> <p>(g) Supporting initiatives in the development of public and private venture capital funds for LDCs;</p> <p>(h) Assisting LDCs in establishing foreign investment advisory bodies in their own countries, as a one-stop shop which would be responsible for providing information, service and administrative support to potential foreign investors;</p> <p>(i) Improving coordination among relevant international organizations on advisory services for investment to the LDCs, with possible participation of the private sector, <i>inter alia</i> by supporting global investment advisory services;</p>

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			(j) Facilitating FDI flows to LDCs by underwriting, as appropriate, perceived political and commercial risks in these countries.