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Madam Chair,

Further to your letter dated 7th February 2024 by which you requested the Government of Senegal to submit a written statement to the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) plenary further reinforcing its views on the possibility of graduation from the least developed country category, I would like to submit the following points for your consideration:

"The conclusions of the CDP's report show that Senegal has met for the second time, following the first triennial review in 2021, two of the three criteria for graduation, once again exceeding the thresholds for gross national income and the human capital index.

These results testify to the performance of the Senegalese economy, which should be consolidated by the start-up of oil and gas production.

The Senegalese Government is looking forward to seeing the deliberations of the third triennial review, scheduled for 04 to 08 March 2024, with a view to its graduation from the least developed country category.

However, Senegal would like to benefit from a five-year preparatory period to ensure a smooth, organised and coordinated transition".

Please accept, **Madam Chair**, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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