Mr President;

South Africa aligns itself with the statement that was delivered by the Kingdom of Thailand, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr President;

There are a number of factors that need to be borne in mind in our efforts to make multi-stakeholder partnerships more efficient. These include:

- The imperatives for the private sector to be accountable through a code of conduct and a stronger monitoring of private sector’s corporate social responsibility.
- Making the shift to new pathways that requires a sincere conversation between all partners, preparedness to embrace new ideas, and the boldness of leadership to go where we might not have gone before.
• From Africa’s perspective, the relevance of the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and its first ten-year implementation plan in the context of the wider implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships, including the UN/AU partnership.

• A common understanding should be reached as we explore these questions: - What should these multi-stakeholder partnerships look like? How should they be implemented and who selects the participants in these multi-stakeholder partnerships?

Will these multi-stakeholder partnerships also be subject to review by the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), which has been mandated to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?

I thank you!