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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and wishes to express our appreciation for the report submitted by the Secretary-General under this agenda item.

Poverty is generally understood to be multidimensional, encompassing economic, social, political and institutional perspectives. It's complexity has been identified as one of the most significant factors hindering sustainable development.

With over one billion people, still living in extreme poverty and where around two-thirds of the world's poor reside in the rural areas of the developing world; accelerating progress towards the eradication of extreme poverty efforts is required and needs to be translated into concrete actions in order to achieve the intended goals.

Mr. Chairman,

The Rio+20 conference outlined poverty eradication as a key focus area, likewise, the ultimate goal of the post 2015 sustainable development agenda remains to adopt a new orientation and approach with mutually reinforcing strands of economic, social and environmental development and dynamic poverty eradication strategies, fostering inclusion and empowerment to end world poverty and to improve the well-being of people around the world.

Mr. Chairman,

Poverty alleviation often requires extension of education services to the rural poor as empowering rural people is an essential first step to eradicating poverty. In Jordan nearly 20 per cent of Jordanians live in rural areas where poverty is more prevalent than in urban areas and the environment is significantly degraded, leading to widespread erosion and desertification.

Human resource development has been the cornerstone of Jordan's poverty reduction efforts, as social capital is critical for poverty alleviation and sustainable human and economic development.

In order to protect the vulnerable categories at risk of poverty and support their active participation in economic activities, a new poverty alleviation strategy which is based on the National agenda and National Executive Program has been undertaken by the government, in addition, the National Strategy for Microfinance which supports the poverty alleviation strategy by making microfinance more accessible and more affordable has been recognized for its ability to help reduce poverty.

Mr. Chairman,

Poverty has remained persistent despite all well-intentioned efforts to the contrary, hence the eradication of poverty and unsustainable development through poverty reduction would require the decisive commitment of all stakeholders involved, individuals, communities, governments, non-governmental organizations and relevant international agencies and coordination of the differentiated activities to achieve the intended outcomes.

I thank you.