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**Domestic Public Finance**

STATEMENT  
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Distinguished Co-Chairs  
Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of LDCs. The Group aligns itself with the statement of South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China.

The Group would like to thank the Co-Chairs for their endeavors to capture in the Zero draft the spirit of our previous discussions on the issues regarding the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

In this prospect the Group recognizes the effort made to include in the Zero draft of the Co-Chairs some of the proposals made by LDCs during the first drafting session. However, some of our valuable suggestions did not find reflection in the text, which need to be incorporated.

The Group of LDCs seeks support from its development partners in enhancing the efficiency in tax collection and broadening the tax base. It requires strengthened investment in SMEs which can create employment and inclusive growth. Improvising the banking sector can facilitate generating and getting access to more resources for long term investment. Substantial increase in ODA and technical assistance is vitally important in this regard, in order to put at the service of Domestic Resource Mobilization in win-win partnerships. We will address this issue in depth when we discuss international public finance.

The Group of LDCs would like to see strong reflection on building productive capacity including vertical diversification, value addition and increased value retention to promote resource based industrialization. Access to modern technology is vitally important in this regard. These measures can significantly expand domestic tax base in the LDCs.

The Group of LDCs would also like to see reflection of concrete language on international support in developing domestic capital market including share and bond markets and cushioning against any kind of uncertainties that may associate with the bonds in the form of rollover risk, currency risk and greater macroeconomic volatility.

LDCs would need support for trade and investment negotiations to prevent the erosion of their tax base. Establishment of an investment promotion regime for LDCs is vitally important in this regard.

A global partnership is urgently required to prevent transfer of corrupt assets as well as to facilitate their recovery from the so-called 'safe heavens'. In this context, in the IPoA, development partners have agreed to undertake the following measures:

- (a) Eliminate safe havens that create incentives for transfer abroad of stolen assets and illicit financial flows;
- (b) Assist in the recovery and return of stolen assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
- (c) Enhance disclosure practices and transparency in both source and destination countries and cooperate in efforts to reduce illicit financial flows.

Paragraph 32 of the Zero Draft talks about ensuring access to a minimum package of essential services by 2030. The Group would like to suggest the elaboration of the essential services, which include, among others, health, education, water and sanitation, energy and shelter.

In conclusion, the Group would like to request the Co-chairs to include the above proposals in the next version of the outcome document.

I thank you for your kind attention.