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Excellencies,

I have the honour to address Your Excellencies, in your capacity as co-facilitators of the Preparatory Process of the International Conference on Financing for Development (Ethiopia 13-16 July 2015), in regard to the first drafting session on the Final Document of the Conference, held from 27 to 29 January 2015 in New York, and the Elements Paper kindly presented for discussion. In that regard, please find some additional comments stated by the Government of Honduras:

“We consider that the document clearly identifies the main problems faced by the developing countries, and the challenges to overcome them. It also states that International Conferences allow for the creation of spaces where States can individually or collectively expose those problem areas where they should receive international support. The document derives from the general hypothesis of the positive impact on developing countries to achieve social, economic, political and environmentally sustainable development.

Honduras has a number of issues that have been growing over the last decade, to the point that they are threatening the country’s governance and overall stability. Given its magnitude, the following issues stand out:

- Extreme poverty and poverty in general.*
- The progressive deterioration of macroeconomic indicators, mainly with regard to public finances.*
- Insecurity, and particularly violence, which threatens all sectors of society.*
- The persistence of high levels of perceived corruption and lack of controls over it.*

These problems affect the country’s socio-economic conditions, and hinder its possibilities to achieve better living standards for most of its population. For that reason, the current government (2014-2018) stated from the beginning of its tenure, its willingness to deal with all major challenges, as mentioned above, and has implemented the “Plan de Todos para una Vida Mejor” (Plan of All for a Better Life), which is consistent with this line of thought.

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Moreover, it has approved legislation aimed at achieving a less costly, more efficient and transparent public administration to attain positive effects in the reduction of public spending, and that is able to execute programs and projects that improve the quality of life of the population, especially the most vulnerable sectors, and generate appropriate conditions for reaching inclusive and sustainable economic growth, as these are essential elements to build a better nation.

In this regard, the Government of Honduras finds in the Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, a hope to achieve better indicators of sustainable development, since this process includes topics that frame our overall expressed challenges.

Based on the above, we look forward for cooperation financing mechanisms to facilitate the required processes, in order to access a larger amount of financial resources that will enable us to successfully tackle our current problems”.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Your Excellencies for the leadership and successful work at the forefront of this preparatory process to Addis Ababa 2015, while reiterating the assurances of my highest consideration.

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