



Mr President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

I would like to start my brief remarks by thanking the two co-facilitators, HE Mr Vladimir Drobnyak, PR of Croatia, and HE Mr Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou, PR of Benin, for their tireless efforts in facilitating consultations on the outcome document.

The document that we have before us is, despite long hours of negotiations and efforts by our co-facilitators, less substantive than some initially envisioned. We have engaged constructively in these discussions. We welcome the first IATF report and the reference included in the document.

Despite its brevity the outcome document is a testimony to our common will to uphold the consensus reached in Addis and gives guidance towards the preparation of future forums.

Thank you.