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Mr. President
Mr. Secretary - General
Distinguished Delegates

The adoption of the Doha Programme of Action at this special convening of the 5th United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries is a momentous occasion during these extraordinary times. The unusual nature of the adoption is in itself a testament to the unprecedented circumstances our world has witnessed over the past two years. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and it is our hope that with the adoption of this landmark document the LDCs will usher in a new era of transformation, innovation, revival and renewal.

On this auspicious occasion, allow my delegation to thank the State of Qatar for its decision to host the second part of this conference in Doha in 2023. We thank them for their unwavering solidarity with LDCs.

Mr. President,

As we accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2030 during this Decade of Action, we strongly urge United Nations and the international community to mobilize international action and solidarity toward the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action. The time that we have before the second part of the conference is a great opportunity to mobilize for more solidarity and partnerships for the implementation of the DPoA. The momentum for the 2023 Conference starts now and there is no time to lose in building back better through action-oriented, ambitious, and forward-looking initiatives and programmes.

Mr. President,

We call on the international community to work in partnership with the LDCs so that this new Decade of the Doha Programme of Action will culminate in the graduation of more LDCs with resilience and improved capacities for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Let us build together a new momentum for the Doha 2023-LDC5 Conference.

The Gambia stands ready to play its part in the successful implementation of the Programme through the adoption and consolidation of policies and programmes at the national level.

I thank you.