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**Statement by Deputy Permanent Representative Dmitry Chumakov
at the first part of the Fifth United Nation Conference on the Least Developed
Countries (March, the 17th, 2022)**

Madam Chair,

We would like to thank Qatar for the preparations for and holding the 5th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries. We understand the decision taken to hold this event in two stages. In the time of the world economic turbulence caused both by the coronavirus pandemic and by the short-sighted sanctions actions from a number of countries to destroy the global financial and economic system, the LDCs remain the most vulnerable and require a comprehensive assistance from the world community.

In this context, the Russian Federation has decided not to block the adoption of the Doha Program of Action for LDCs by consensus. Our country, as a responsible member of the world community, attaches great importance to rapid adoption of a new program of action for socio-economic development of this group of countries.

However, we would like to underscore that a number of provisions of the program were adopted without taking into account the points of views of a number of countries. We would like to reaffirm our position expressed during the 2nd meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the 5th UN Conference on the LDCs.

The Russian delegation believes that the Doha Program of Action does not reflect the consensus, actually. Agreed decisions and agreements in the UN are being neglected. Moreover, the ambitions of the donor countries, who speak loudly about the need to be more ambitious, are extremely modest in this paper. The perspectives of real progress in development assistance for the least developed countries are not in sight here. It's a pity. It is true, the text has been adopted. But it is time that will show how valuable it really is.

Today, different accusations were made against my country with regard to the situation in Ukraine. Of course, we reject these lying allegations. Although, it is important that the masks come down. And the same it is true for the Doha Program of Action. The masks of donors come down, and least developed countries should not expect any serious assistance.

Now, in a more specific manner with regard to the document issues which are problematic for us we would like to inform you about the following.

We cannot agree that the common action and cooperation in the interests of the LDCs should be based on the "concept of human security", which is not supported by all countries.

We are convinced that rather than using the obsolete term "*cybersecurity*", the document should use the terminology that was agreed "*security in the use of ICT*", enshrined in the relevant resolutions and reports of the UN General Assembly, on which there is a broad consensus.

We note that the approach to energy development and access to energy in the Doha Action Agenda is biased and assumes that it is possible to ensure the supply of energy and the achievement of the carbon neutrality through development of renewable energy sources only.

It ignores both the fact that traditional energy sources take and will continue to take a significant share of the sector, and the opportunities provided by the launch of advanced and cleaner fossil fuel technologies.

We cannot either accept the paragraph on climate, presented just before the end of the informal negotiations on the document, which contains language that distorts the agreements under the Paris Agreement and the Glasgow Climate Pact.

In this context, the Russian delegation disassociates itself from paragraphs **3, 98, 104, 105, 116, targets of subchapter III (b) Energy and 221.**

I would ask you to include our position in the record.

Thank you for attention.