

TPs for Vote of Thanks

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Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen;

I take the floor today to express my gratitude to the Republic of Malawi for hosting this meeting. To the various Ministers, Ministries and departments for their commitment and tireless effort to make this meeting a success.

I would also like to thank the UN Secretariat with special mention to OHRLLS and UNECA for their logistical and behind the scenes support.

COVID 19 has impacted the way we work as evidenced by this virtual setting in which we have met. In a way, it is unfortunate that we could all not be in Lilongwe. However, I am encouraged by the large number of registration and participation in the different sessions.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

This indicates and highlights the keen interest in LDCs issues and wide efforts being made to find solutions to LDCs Challenges in pursuit of a dynamic, action-oriented and transformative programme of action.

I note the time difference that exists between the different participants but thank all colleagues and delegates in the various roles they have played be it moderator, panelist, discussant and most importantly participants for making this meeting and its discussions thought provoking and engaging.

It is gratifying to note that these meetings were attended by all categories of stakeholders including the private sector, NGOs, the youth and international organizations. For those who could not make it to these meetings, we invite you to participate in all other forthcoming meetings on the road to Doha for the LDC5 Conference.

We look forward to continued engagement by all stakeholders and parties.

I thank you