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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan,
President of the 57th Session of the General Assembly,
at the Opening of the Ad Hoc Committee of the W ' AM # eshe G P m i**

Our previous deliberations underscored the unique role of the United Nations system in terms of strengthened advocacy for Africa's development, ensuring that Africa remains high on the global agenda, promoting peace and development on the continent, as well as mobilizing support and resources for the implementation of NEPAD priorities. Priorities that include poverty reduction, development of human resources, and meeting the Millennium Development Goals in a sustainable way.

While ensuring African ownership of their development efforts and processes, enhanced coordination and collaboration among the United Nations agencies working in Africa as well as the need to harmonize bilateral and United Nations activities at the national level, must be further strengthened.

We cannot neglect the lessons learned from the UN-NADAF. They are a very important input in ensuring the success of the New Partnership for Africa's Development initiative and formulating the international community's approach to tackle the complicated issues of the African continent.

Thank you.