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Thank you Madam Chairperson and we would like to appreciate the presence of the distinguished ministers in this round table, and thank the panelists for their excellent presentations.

We align our statement with that of Group 77 and China, and read by Indonesia.

Madam Chairperson

Mining in Sudan is very old. It goes back to the time of the Pharaohs, who mined gold from northern and eastern Sudan. Currently mining, in its formal and proper way, is contributing to the enhancement of life in Sudan, through development of roads, schools, health clinics, and other institutions. But there is a need for investment to achieve sustainable mining.

