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First of all, I want to add my voice to those of my predecessors in this august forum in assuring Mr. Haile Mariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, as well as the people and Government of Ethiopia, of the deep gratitude of the Comoros delegation for the warm and fraternal welcome we have received on the occasion of this very important meeting of the community of nations to take stock of financing for development.

Let me also express our thanks to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the exemplary manner in which he is performing his noble mission.

In September, we shall be at United Nations Headquarters in New York to renew the weighty commitment we made in the Millennium Declaration: to make this a world where life is good for all humanity, today and tomorrow. We are called upon, on this occasion, to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals, which will be at the heart of the global post-2015 development agenda. As you know, there are many more of these new objectives and they are more ambitious than the previous ones. And, I venture to add, they are also more problematic in a number of ways. It

where financing was available, the targets set have been achieved or are within reach. Such is the case of the social sectors, which have benefited from significant investments. For other sectors, where financing has been lacking, the results are far from the commitments. There is no doubt, therefore, that successful implementation of the post-2015 development agenda will depend in large part on the financing mechanisms we put in place for that purpose.

This Conference is timely, then, in that it will help redefine and clarify the role of global funds and partnerships as well as the ways and means of financing the Sustainable Development Goals. The success of this Conference will bode well for our September summit in New York on the Sustainable Development Goals. The credibility of the Sustainable Development Goals, beyond their relevance, depends largely on our capacity to renew the global partnership and propose innovative funding mechanisms and systems. We, the least developed countries and small island developing States, expect much from this Conference and its aftermath. In particular, we expect it to recommend the establishment of specific financing for development instruments for small island developing States.

Small island developing States, in addition to their many capacity problems, face specific challenges recognized by the international commun-5.2(z)-8(o)-12m IS-4.23 and comp-7-186/05

domestic resources, in view of the sums needed to invest in the various areas, including economic infrastructure, substantial additional funding will be required to create an enabling environment for development.

In closing, it is my earnest wish that this Conference will adopt rules, mechanisms and codes of conduct that will ensure adequate funding for the Sustainable Development Goals and break with the unfulfilled promises that have characterized the last two decades.
