

(General discussion: views on the elements and the zero draft)

Distinguished Co-facilitators
Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of LDCs. The Group aligns itself with the statement of South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China.

The Group of LDCs commends the Co-facilitators, the Permanent Representatives of Norway and Guyana, for submitting the suggested "elements" along with its annex on "indicative list of policy ideas" for the draft outcome of the Third International Conference on FFD. The Group is of the view that this paper can serve as an important basis for our future discussions. The LDCs are happy to note that a good number of their proposals have been taken into account both in the main document as well as its annex. However, many of our proposals, presented earlier, need to be incorporated in the text. We will make our specific proposals on each of the thematic areas of the financing for development.

As a prelude to our specific proposals, we would like to make the following comments, in the form of our general reactions to the text:

: All existing reports, documents and research papers are in consensus to suggest that global

that would be much more ambitious than the existing ones. The new partnerships agenda should be a strengthened one with horizontal and vertical expansions.

: We understand that the suggested elements are primarily based on Monterrey and Doha. This is a good starting point. However, we need to keep in mind that apart from these two landmark Conferences, many UN Conferences and Summits as well as documents agreed at the intergovernmental level, have dwelled on the means of implementation. The fourth UN Conference on LDCs is an important case in point, which has gone a long way beyond Monterrey and Doha outcomes in the area of partnerships.

Therefore our suggestions would be to take into consideration all existing global commitments on the means of implementation agreed upon in various treaties and outcome documents agreed at intergovernmental level. The Addis A

