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The Addis Ababa Action Agenda supports, complements and helps to contextualize the 2030 Agenda's means of implementation targets. The financing for development process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development track thus remain separate processes in order not to confuse their respective mandates.

Mr President,

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It is imperative that we promptly conclude the negotiations on the Doha Development Agenda. We urge the World Trade Organisation (WTO) members to commit in continuing efforts to accelerate the accession of all developing countries engaged in negotiations for WTO membership and welcome the 2012 strengthening, streamlining and operationalizing of the guidelines for the accession of least developed countries to the WTO.

We further welcome the entry into force of the Proposed Amendment of the Articles of Agreement on Reform of the Executive Board of the IMF and 2010 Quota Increase, and stress the need to continue to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making and norm-setting and global economic governance.

Mr President;

Capacity development will indeed be integral in achieving the 2030 sustainable development agenda. Developing countries need to be supported in these efforts.

Mr President;

We reiterate that the fulfillment of all Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments remains crucial and as such developed countries need to reaffirm their respective ODA commitments, and urge all those that have not met their targets to make additional concrete efforts. There needs to be efforts to reverse the declining trend of ODA to LDCs. We are

concerned with the recent prioritization of funding on humanitarian issues at the detriment of focusing on developmental gaps due to the recent

UNIDO to be afforded the responsibility to provide a report at the next FfD forum on progress in the implementation of this commitment. Likewise, we appreciate the support extended by UNCTAD as the focal point within the

development financing. Governments worldwide should join forces to, *inter-alia*, encourage transparency of multi-national corporations; discourage and detect cross-border tax evasion; and stop trade mispricing, transfer pricing and trade mis-invoicing. We need to commit to work together and establish an inclusive, inter-governmental structure or instrument that will ensure a collective responsibility and cooperation in the fight against illicit financial flows.

Mr President;

South Africa is of the view that the Forum on financing for development follow-up should continue holding its annual meetings at the Headquarters in New York in the spring season as was directed by the General Assembly Resolution 70/192. This meeting should not be held back-to-back with the HLPF process in order to separate the proceedings of these two processes.

We would like this ECOSOC Forum and future Forums on financing for development follow-up to be respected by all member states and should thus be used as a platform to make tangible and meaningful contribution to development.

I thank you!