

Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the African Group. Let me take this opportunity to associate the African Group with the Statement delivered by Thailand on behalf of G77 and China.

Mr. President, the African Group has great interest in the outcome of this

Forum because we see it as a significant cornerstone in the process of implementation and follow-up of both the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. We therefore look forward to the accelerated rate of implementation of both Agendas in a coherent manner after this forum. In this regard, it is our understanding that while the Addis

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2030 agenda, the former will outlive the later and continue supporting

The Group recognizes that the principle of national ownership remains relevant and we are committed to take the lead in formulating policies which will facilitate integration of both Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda into our national plans and priorities to achieve maximum targets.

Mr. President, the African Group is anxiously looking forward to future sessions of the Forum on Financing for Development Follow up and will remain available for engagement in future sessions.

I thank you