

Remarks by H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations at the Ambassadorial Retreat in Preparation for LDC5

Working Dinner on Thursday, 21 October 2021 (18:30-21:00)

Ambassador Alya Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar, the host of LDC5

Ambassador Perks Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi and Chair of the LDCs

Ambassador Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada, Co-Chair of LDC5 PrepCom

USG and High Representative, Courtenay Rattray

UNDP Associate Administrator, Usha Rao-Monari

Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues and Dear Friends

Good evening to you all.

It's great to be here. I am very happy to see such a large presence of

importance to move our discussions forward. We hope to get clarity on some of the deliverables in the draft Programme of Action to help reach consensus on these issues. I sincerely hope that we can seize this opportunity to agree on some of the concrete deliverables, which have been identified by the LDC group in the draft Doha Programme of Action.

I thank USG Courtenay Rattray and his team for bringing us together and making good arrangements for the retreat.

I thank Ambassador Alya Al-Thani for her personal commitment and engagement in the process. (y41.7()-9s.)5(n)ohsnoM.7(sn)-9.6 (o)-2.2 (nt)-(r)2.8(h)-4.

I would like to share that there are important converging points for moving forward with our shared objective of an ambitious Programme of Action. Everyone recognized the extraordinary situations that LDCs are going through due to the pandemic. I have also seen a sense of urgency for taking actions on all fronts to help the LDCs build back better and more resilient from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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the first week of November. I would request the Secretariat to support us in making a compilation of the issues and paragraphs where we have difficulties, in each of the thematic areas. I encourage our experts to make every effort to narrow down their gaps on those issues.

I take this opportunity to call upon all my fellow PRs present to provide necessary instructions and guidance to their experts to move the negotiations in a constructive manner. They may need some push and directions from you. The development partners, the donor missions, have the most important role to play in demonstrating their flexibility and offer their best support to LDCs in

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The uncertainties, disruptions caused by the Covid-

