

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the  
United Nations at the First Part of the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed  
Countries  
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**Mr. President,**

**Mr. Secretary-General, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,**

At the outset, I congratulate you, Mr. President, on your well-deserved election.

Please be assured, Mr. President, of Nepal's full support in the discharge of your important responsibilities.

We are convening at a time when the world particularly the LDCs are shattered by multiple crisis mainly COVID-19 pandemic, economic meltdown and climate change.

In the middle of these crises, the adoption of Doha Programme of Action brings flicker of hope for the LDCs who are furthest behind in the tier of socio-economic development.

For the successful preparation of DPOA, Ambassador Fatima and Ambassador Rae and their able team genuinely deserved our deep appreciation.

As a member of the core negotiating team of the draft DPoA, I would like to appreciate Malawi's leadership role. Similarly, I thank the G77 and China for their support. Equally, I appreciate other partner countries for their constructive engagement and flexibility throughout the process.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the Government of the State of Qatar, the host of the LDC5, for their commitment to making the Conference a success.

I commend USG and High Representative of the OHRLLS, and the diligent team for their excell79207nBF3 12 T

