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by

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Madam Chair,

Ethiopia is implementing Home-Grown Economic reform to realize sustainable economic development and prosperity. our National Development Plan is aligned with the policies, strategies and fundamental principles of the 2030 agenda and Doha Programme of Action.

Over the past six years, significant progress has been made in transforming our economy through various initiatives aimed at building productive capacities and achieving structural transformation. Ethiopia's **Wheat Production Program** is a significant move to achieving food security. **Our Green Legacy** initiative is mobilizing millions of Ethiopians every year to plant trees with a view to addressing climate change related crises. The initiative is now a popular movement in Ethiopia, planting over 40 billion seedlings over the past 6 years. Development of **industrial parks** is also playing instrumental role in enhancing our manufacturing base.

However, debt burden has forced us to divert the already strained financial resources meant for essential sectors such as health and education to debt servicing. The implementation of Addis Ababa Action Agenda is not up to our expectations. If the international community fails to uphold its commitments, achieving sustainable development will be more difficult, especially for the LDCs. Efforts by national governments to implement SDGs must be supported by full implementation of international commitments, especially climate financing to say the least.

In conclusion, **Madam Chair**, eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, while leaving no one behind is the task the international community owned.

Accelerating the implementation of global development goals requires stronger