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Headquarters in New York, on 25 September 2019, on the occasion of
the 74th

Taking note that we are meeting in the run-up to the Comprehensive midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action to be held in New York in December 2019 and will represent a great opportunity to renew partnerships and strengthen concerted global actions in support of the landlocked developing countries,

Recalling

Welcoming the following; the outcomes of 2019 Follow-

7. **Underscore** the principle of national ownership and we commit to make concerted efforts to mobilize additional domestic public resources to further accelerate the implementation of the VPoA;
8. **Encourage** development partners to align their support to LLDCs to VPoA priorities and priorities identified in LLDCs national sustainable development strategies and we further call on them to enhance official development assistance to LLDCs in predictable, reliable and sustainable manner. We welcome the contribution of the South-South Cooperation to the development of LLDCs and stress that South-South Cooperation is a complement to, and not a substitute for, North-South cooperation;
9. **Underscore** the critical role of the UN Resident Coordinators in ensuring that the goals and priorities set out in the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs and the SDGs are mainstreamed into national development plans and strategies in LLDCs and transit countries;
10. **Urge** LLDCs and transit countries in cooperation with international and regional organizations to promote development of regional integrated infrastructure and connectivity, and close missing links in order to reduce the cost of doing business and increase intra-regional trade and to help turn LLDCs into land-linked countries;
11. **Urge** LLDCs and transit countries to increase intraregional trade integration by strengthening productive linkages; supporting the development of supply chains within the region; improving the quality and effective implementation of regional integration agreements; bringing greater synergy and complementarity among various regional and sub-regional cooperation frameworks; and ratify and implement regional agreements;
12. **Welcome** the entry into force of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and encourage Africa LLDCs and transit countries to endeavor to ratify the AfCFTA without delay which would address the inherent non-tariff and tariff barriers to intra- Africa trade;
13. **Stress** that investing in quality, accessible, affordable, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including transport, energy, water and sanitation for all, is vital for achieving sustainable development. We call upon bilateral and multilateral development partners to scale up assistance towards the development and maintenance of sustainable and resilient infrastructure in LLDCs.

partnerships between development partners, UN system and other international and regional organisations to support accelerated universal access, renewable energy and energy efficiency development;

16. **Recognize** that digital transformation is a driving force of global, innovative, inclusive and sustainable growth and can contribute to reducing inequality and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We aim to foster favorable conditions for the development of the digital economy by creating appropriate enabling environment

32. **Reaffirm** our commitment to build regulatory and institutional frameworks to strengthen our services sector and we call on international organizations to support LLDCs to develop their services sectors;
33. **Concerned** that LLDCs continue to be disproportionately affected by the adverse impacts of climate change, desertification, land degradation, drought, melting glaciers, floods, including glacial lakes outbursts and other natural disasters due to their location, level of development, and greater reliance on climate sensitive sectors like agriculture. We stress the importance of continued support from international cooperation on adaptation and mitigation efforts and on strengthening resilience. We further stress the necessity of adequate and predictable financial resources from a variety of sources, including public and private ones, and stress that LLDCs should be accorded greater access to the UN Green Climate Fund and technical assistance to have beneficial access to the Fund;
34. **Recognize** LLDCs efforts to promote building of resilient societies through Disaster Risk Reduction. We call upon development partners, UN system and other international and change strategies as well as drought and disaster risk mitigation, preparedness and resilience policies and strategies, including early warning and early action systems;
35. **Invite** climate finance providers to improve access for the LLDCs and we encourage the allocation of more resources to ex-ante instruments for building resilience, including new financing approaches which incentivize disaster risk reduction;
36. **Recognize**

