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effort to build an effective institution at the cutting edge of Africa's development challenges.

We have noted that the outcome document of this conference calls for greater support for the AfDB to enable it play, among other, a key role in the efforts to close the infrastructure gap. We are prepared to

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payments and public expenditure to fight poverty in a lasting way. It is imperative the International Community bears this factor in mind, which was not so acute when we adopted the MDGs in the year 2000 and attempts to identify and put on place a response that can protect our achievements and preserve the future. For our part we will work with the IMF and World Bank to identify how best we can provide the requisite level of support to our countries so that the prospects of attaining the MDGs are safeguarded.

Mr. President,

The African Development Bank stands ready to play its role in this common fight for humanity and we are deeply encouraged by your support to enable us be an effective instrument to that end.

Thank you for your attention.