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STATEMENT

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**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED ON
THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT**

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Distinguished Co-Chairs
Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of LDCs. The Group aligns itself with the statement made by the G77 and China. The LDCs, would like to highlight the following additional comments and amendment proposals :

We would like to thank and commend the Co-Chairs for holding their promise of circulating a revised final draft on Sunday 26 July. We are also grateful that they have incorporated some of the proposals of LDCs in the new text. However, some of the proposals have not been included, which are vitally important for LDCs. I will limit my comments and proposals to the Introductory part of the Document. I have at hand clear amendment proposals that will be hand over to your team to ease your work.

There are also some concerns that all groups of countries are lumped together in declaration without paying attention to the specificity of challenges faced by different groups of countries. The FfD outcome document has followed a relatively prudent approach in this regard. You may kindly like to request the Co-Chairs to avoid any attempt of lumping all countries together everywhere.

The Introductory part of the Document should contain a clear identification of the challenges facing humanity and the planet. That could be done by the integration of some critical elements of the Introductory part of the OWG report, and of the relevant paragraphs of the Addis Document.

We would like to see a strengthened text on People.

At the end of the Paragraph on People we would like to see a clear reference to the fact that people are at the center of Sustainable development, and to the commitment of the global community to strive for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive

We should also strengthen the paragraph on the Planet by highlighting the challenges facing humanity. We should underscored that the global nature of climate change, call for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

We have a text in this spirit to be inserted after paragraph 15.

We should refer to the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which provides that parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind on the basis of equity and in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. We should call for aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2°C, or 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. It reaffirmed that the ultimate objective under the Convention is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.

We should commit to addressing the impacts of climate change such as the increase in global temperature, sea level rise, ocean acidification, which are seriously affecting coastal areas and low-lying coastal countries including many least developed countries and small island developing States, while extreme climate events endanger the lives and livelihoods of millions. We therefore commit to protecting, and restoring, the health, productivity and resilience of oceans and marine ecosystems, and to maintaining their biodiversity, enabling their conservation and sustainable use for present and future generations. We should also commit to enhanced support to the most vulnerable in addressing and adapting to these critical challenges.

We would like to complement the paragraph on Peace as follows by adding a sentence at the end of the current text.

Sustainable development cannot be realised without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. We want all people to live in peaceful, safe and inclusive societies, free from fear, coercion and violence. We want to strengthen governance and to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels as well as to strengthen the rule of law, to ensure equal access to justice for all and to protect the human rights of all men, women, boys and girls, *including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to food and water, the rule of law, good governance, gender equality, women's empowerment and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development. In this regard, we stress the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other international instruments relating to human rights and international law.*

We also have some small insertions about freshwater scarcity and management which will go into paragraphs on the people, planet, in paragraph 32.

I thank you all for your kind attention.