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FOCUSING ON POSSIBLE GOALS AND TARGETS:**

**“WATER AND SANITATION, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE,  
FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION”**

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Co Chair,

At the outset I wish to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for all your efforts and for presenting the revised document which is a vital contribution to our work.

My delegation appreciates the inclusion of Water and Sanitation in our discussions and the recognized centrality of water in the post-2015 agenda. In this context, we would be supportive of the recommendations to include a stand alone goal on water and sanitation. The structure of the water goal should reflect that we need to significantly improve the implementation of integrated water resources management at all levels as appropriate; protect and sustainably manage ecosystems, address water-related disasters, as well as water scarcity; increase water quality, improve water efficiency and reduce water losses.

Universal access to safe water and sanitation is within reach. But we can achieve this only when a future water and sanitation goal entails a clear commitment to progressively eliminate the inequalities between those who have and those who don't have access to water and sanitation.

Good management of water systems is challenging due to the unique nature of water, cross sectoral coordination has been in place to support a holistic approach to water scarcity. Water cooperation supports the sharing of knowledge about the scientific aspects of water including data and information exchange in relation to the role of water in preserving ecosystems, human wellbeing and sustainable development. Moreover, water cooperation across national borders can help ensure water security, promote environmental sustainability and create tangible development benefits.

The significance of the agricultural sector in bringing about economic growth and sustainable development cannot be understated. As a cross cutting issue, we believe that growth originating in agriculture can be more effective at reducing poverty than growth arising from other economic sectors. It has offered an effective leverage point to alleviate poverty, hunger and malnutrition worldwide.

At a time where agriculture is of utmost importance in providing people with means of living, it is hoped that with greater global collaboration, investment and innovation among all stakeholders, food security, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity would be realized through agriculture as we continue to outline the goals in the post 2015 development framework.

I thank you.