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Distinguished Co-facilitators,

Dear delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank the co-facilitators for organizing this important meeting for us to exchange views on SDGs and targets. My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of G77 and China and that delivered by Namibia on behalf of the African group.

I would like to thank the Statistical Commission for the technical report on the process of developing an indicator framework it circulated, which is a good beginning for the development of the indicators. It should be worked on further, maintaining all the goals and targets with their corresponding indicators so that it becomes a reliable tool for measuring progress in the implementation of the post 2015 development agenda.

The fact that the concept of indicators is not new within many organizations including UN agencies; the Statistical Commission should take advantage of the already existing indicators to facilitate the exercise of developing indicators for the goals and targets of the post 2015 development agenda. However, if there are any capacity challenges, they should be identified and rectified to prepare the Commission for more tasks ahead during the implementation of the agenda.

Indeed, the need for indicators to elaborate the goals and targets was well captured in paragraph 18 of the report of the open working group and we look forward to receiving these indicators as and when the Commission is ready.

Co-facilitators, we welcome continuous engagement with the Statistical Commission on this matter in the coming weeks and months at all stages up to when the final version of indicators is produced. I would like to point out that developing countries with limited capacities to measure the SDGs, will need support to build their capacities as a matter of priority.

Distinguished co-facilitators, my delegation remains available to continue with the debate constructively, to make sure that we come up with an agenda that will be easy to understand, communicate, implement and monitor. This is the only way to avoid the business as usual syndrome and have an agenda that is different from past agendas by delivering millions of people from poverty.

I thank you