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Mister Co-Chair,

In line with the general views expressed by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the delegation of Zambia, on behalf of G77 and China and of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries respectively, the delegation of Paraguay will further elaborate on some specific aspects of the means of implementation and the global partnership for sustainable development.

The explicit references to the means of implementation in each focus area contribute to a meaningful process of elaboration of sustainable development goals. We encourage the Co-Chairs to continue this approach and to further explore the connection between the goals of sustainability and their appropriate source of financing. Also, we encourage the Co-Chairs to make this relationship intelligible and more specific in the future documents, resulting from this process.

For instance, always in the spirit of supporting the work of the Co-Chairs and of contributing to the process of elaboration of SDGs, we envision that (1) for every single aspect of development it is necessary to address the particular needs and challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries through the mainstreaming of the principle of special and differential treatment for LLDCs; (2) additional financial resources from multiple sources should be specifically allocated to develop and to improve infrastructure in Landlocked Developing Countries, and in other vulnerable categories of countries, particularly for transport, transit and energy infrastructure; and, (3) additional and specific commitments to strengthen the freedom of transit should be assumed. These commitments should be assumed among landlocked and transit countries primarily, in multilateral or bilateral instruments, according to applicable international law, should encompass transit by all transportation means, and should be respectful of national sovereignties.





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In addition, sustainable development from a systemic point of view requires (1) the reform of international financial institutions, (2) the conclusion of the Doha Round, (3) and the further development of an open, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory international trade system to ensure appropriate means of implementation for the SDGs.

With regard to global partnership for sustainable development, development, for a landlocked country, is conceived as a tool to overcome isolation. Development needs of landlocked countries are oftentimes conceived in connection to those of surrounding countries. It is not a matter of competition, but rather of cooperation for development.

In this context, it is a priority to ensure (1) effective and guaranteed access to international markets for the production of LLDCs, (2) reinforced commitments to facilitate transit by all transportation means from and to LLDCs, and (3) the promotion of production diversification.

Thank you, Mister Co-Chair.