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“Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as drivers of productive
capacity and job creation”**

Statement

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the experiences of post-conflict countries attest to the havoc that political

participation by the State and the private sector to stimulate an environment that nurtures and supports SME productive capacity and creativity. I believe that this factor, coupled with the other critical development paradigms, will facilitate Africa's emergence as the next global growth pole.

I thank you for your kind attention and I wish you fruitful deliberations.