

I have the honour to speak today, on behalf of Ambassador Robert Rae of Canada, and myself, in our capacity as t

Allow me to put on record our deep appreciation to Ambassador Aliya Al-Thani. We are grateful to her and her team here for their extraordinary support

The LDCs also came forward to do their part in committing to promote good governance, the rule of law, building institutions and ensuring the empowerment of women and girls.

If these targets can be met by both sides that would certainly bring about transformative changes in the lives and livelihoods of the people in the LDCs.

The preparatory process was long and strenuous, yet extremely meaningful and rewarding. We deeply appreciate the remarkable commitment and hard work of our experts and our own teams, which enabled to complete the process successfully.

The real work will start with the implementation of the DPOA. It contains an excellent architecture of comprehensive follow-up and monitoring mechanism. We need to leverage on this to advance its transformative agenda.

We urge the development partners, the entire UN system, countries of the south, the private sector, CSOs to remain constructively engaged and fully deliver on their respective commitments for the implementation of the DPOA.

The LDCs need your financial and technical support in the spirit of true



I thank you.