



Statement by

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Mr. President,

It is a distinct pleasure for us to acknowledge that the Doha Programme of Action is consensually adopted by all member states today.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our gratitude to the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Canada for their leadership in guiding the Preparatory Committee's work, particularly in facilitating the Doha Programme of Action's negotiation. Likewise, my delegation would like to register our appreciation to all members of the LDCs group and the G77 and China, for the unwavering support, substantive contributions, and flexibility shown which have led to finalization of the new Program of Action. We very much appreciate the valuable support by the Government of Qatar for ensuring the success of the LDC5 Conference.

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It is encouraging to see the action for extension of international support measures for graduating LDCs reflected in the DPoA, along with enhanced support from the Intern-agency Task force and the establishment of Sustainable Graduation Support Facility. In this regard, the implementation of a national smooth transition strategy requires continued supports from development and trading partners and the UN system so as to avoid any abrupt reductions in ODA, which include special and differential treatments, Aid for Trade, other technical and financial assistance. In addition, the extension of trade preferences and the provision of climate change-related finance and technological support, among others remain critical.

Mr. President,

It is crucial to be mindful that graduation from LDC status is not an end goal, continued necessary supports must be ensured so that the graduating country will not slip back to LDC after graduation. I wish to reiterate the Lao PDR's firm commitment to continue working closely with all partners and we count on continued support in the follow-up and implementation of the DPoA.

I wish our deliberation during this first part a great success and we look forward to the 2nd Part of LDC5 in 2023.

Thank you.