x Africa is home to 33 of the 46 LDCs, and as such building climate resilience
and accelerating the energy transition in the African LDCs must be a top
priority; x Adapting to climate change has become an essential component of any
planning processes in all countries particularly in LDCs;

x In my own country, Zambia, we had to strike a delicate balance in ensuring we
protect our populations from the Covid Pandemic; x At the same time, we ensured the wheels of the economy continued running
to avoid a total collapse of the economy, therefore, we did not have a total
shut down, and indications are that we may soon be turning the corner; x As I conclude my remarks, I wish to emphasise that being the most vulnerable,
the LDCs must remain a priority under the UN system and the development