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Distinguished Co-chairs,

I would like to congratulate you both on your election as the Co-chairs

First, the LDC 5 must be a platform to rethink the vulnerabilities of the countries that are already the furthest behind. Due consideration must be given to integrate the impacts of the crises such as COVID-19 with a focus on building resilience, strengthening productive capacity, and accelerating the structural transformation of the LDCs.

Also, a big moral test before us at present is to ensure an

