



## **National Statement**

Presented by

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at

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Distinguished Co-Chairs

Madam Under-Secretary- General

Excellencies,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you Co-Chairs Her Excellency Ms. Rabab Fatima, PR of Bangladesh, His Excellency Robert Keith Rae, PR of Canada - and bureau members of the Preparatory Committee for your successful election.

I wish also to convey our gratitude to Madam Under-Secretary-General Fekita Utoikamanu for convening this timely meeting and for all the preparations by the Secretariat ensuring that this organizational meeting takes place even under these rather challenging circumstances. My

and at the same time build their resilience to climate change and future disasters including pandemics. Promoting investment in resilience building based on locally owned initiatives will be crucial if LDCs can achieve the 2030 Agenda and sustainable development.

Co-Chairs

To conclude, my delegation looks forward to fully engage in the upcoming preparatory meetings and I wish to reaffirm our full support as you