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Remarks of U.S. Deputy Representative to ECOSOC Jonathan Shrier at
Ministerial Event on Landlocked Developing Countries
September 26, 2024

Thank you Madam/Mister Chair, and thank you to the Government of
Botswana for hosting LLDC3. We will be there in Gaborone.

The United States is strongly committed to our relationships with our
Landlocked Developing Country partners and friends,

As the world’s largest bilateral donor, the United States has provided
over $50 billion in Official Development Assistance to support LLDCs
since 2014.

We view LLDC3 as an opportunity to come together in support of LLDCs
and to advance their progress towards achieving the SDGs.

Our efforts to achieve the SDGs demand creative solutions tailored to
national needs. That is why frameworks like the Gaborone Program of
Action are so important. It addresses the particular challenges of LLDCs,
including in transit, transportation, and infrastructure, among other
issues. And it provides a blueprint for national, regional, and
international cooperation to overcome those challenges.

As President Biden told the General Assembly on Tuesday, we will need
to redouble our collective efforts on multiple fronts to address debt,
mobilize more financing, and unlock inclusive growth in order to get back
on track to reach our goals.

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Since 2022, the United States and a broad coalition of stakeholders have
been working to evolve the multilateral development banks to help
countries respond to global challenges with sufficient speed and scale
while also advancing progress on poverty reduction. These efforts will
enable over $250 billion in new lending headroom at the MDBs over the
next 10 years, and we are seeking to expand this even further.
We recognize that debt holds back too many LLDCs. It is critically
important that all official bilateral and private sector creditors address