STATEMENT
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to express appreciation to the Republic of Zambia, the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, and Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, for organizing our annual meeting and creating an opportunity to exchange views on a wide range of issues that are of common interests for our states.

We are meeting at a historical moment that is vital for the humankind. The United Nations turns 70 years. The other days, the community of nations adopted an ambitious global agenda for sustainable development until 2030. In this connection, Kyrgyzstan welcomes holding of today’s meeting and its topic that is directly related to adoption of the new sustainable development goals at the UN Summit.

Mr. Chairman,

Since our meeting last year, some important events have taken place. The Almaty Program of Action has come to an end. At the Second UN Conference for Landlocked Developing Countries, we have approved the Vienna Program of Action. This June our high representatives met in Livingston and comprehensively reviewed progress on implementation at a global scale of the Vienna Program of Action and discussed its role in the global agenda for sustainable development.

In this regard, Kyrgyzstan is pleased to note that the interests and special situation of our Group’s members have been accounted for in the new agenda. At the same time, it is fair to assume that our states on their path to sustainable development will continue to face different specific challenges, first and foremost, related to financing. Along with the necessity for the Group members to take more responsibility for implementation of sustainable development goals
that are of priority for us, there remains wide open an issue of international financial assistance to underpin national efforts. In this connection, we are hopeful that the developed countries will honor their commitments reconfirmed at the Third Conference on Financing for Development in Addis-Abeba and will increase official development assistance meeting the target of 0.7 percent of the Gross National Income.

Mr. Chairman,

Kyrgyzstan believes that implementation of the Vienna Program of Action will foster implementation of sustainable development goals. In particular, the goal 8 is designed to ensure sustainable economic growth. In this regard, one of the means for us to reach the goal is to engage in regional and international trade more actively. As a member of the World Trade Organization, Kyrgyzstan looks to grasp all the benefits from trade in order to transform structure and boost competitiveness of the national economy.

In this context, it is worth to mention the recent accession of Kyrgyzstan to the Eurasian Economic Union. Participation in the regional integration structure opens for Kyrgyzstan the unhindered access to a large market of goods and services, capital and labor force, as well as creates additional opportunities to develop transport and transit capacity of our mountainous country.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I call on all members of our Group to keep up close interaction and advance common interests that are included in the Vienna Program of Action during a global process of transition to sustainable development.

I thank you.