Closing remarks by H.E. Ms. Encyla Tina Sinjela Ambassador of Zambia to Geneva and Global Chair of the Group of LLDCs

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- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS
- Mr. Pradeep Monga, Director of the UNIDO Energy Department
- Excellencies, Distinguished delegates and participants

We have come to the end of the meeting. It gives me great pleasure that we were able to come together for this High-Level Seminar: Accelerating Sustainable Energy for all in Landlocked Developing Countries through Innovative Partnerships. In my capacity as the Global Chair of the LLDC Group, I would like to thank you all for coming and actively participating over the past two days. My deep appreciation goes to all of you for your contributions to the success of this meeting.

We have discussed how we can improve access to sustainable energy, scale up renewable energy and improve energy efficiency. We have heard from distinguished panelists and we have shared amongst ourselves the ways in which landlocked developing countries can best utilize partnerships in order to advance
their efforts towards achieving SDG 7. We have identified and agreed on specific recommendations on how to strengthen our national strategies on energy, build an enabling policy framework, strengthen partnerships and many other. We now need to ensure that we all deliver on what we have promised. We can only do this through collective efforts. I know that we can count on our development partners, the United Nations organizations and other regional and international organizations, and the private sector, to support the implementation of the recommendations that we have adopted today. Effective implementation of these recommendations will advance implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and get us closer to achieving the SDG 7.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to thank the Government of Austria and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, for co-organizing the meeting in collaboration with United Nations Industry Development Organization (UNIDO) and Sustainable Energy 4 All (SE4ALL). I would like to thank all of you again for your engagement and I wish you a safe journey back home.

I thank you