Mr. Chairman,

I thank Under Secretary General Mr. Acharya for his presentation. China associates itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

In today's world which is witnessing a global economic recovery filled with uncertainties, an imbalanced development of the North and the South, intensifying humanitarian disasters and frequent outbreaks of natural disasters, the least developed countries (LDCs) and land locked developing countries (LLDCs), the most vulnerable group of the international community, face a daunting task to pursue development.

In May 2016, the Comprehensive High-Level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Program of Action (IPoA) was held successfully in Antalya, Turkey. The political declaration adopted at the Conference represents a firm commitment of the international community to support the development of the LDCs and provides clear guidance for the comprehensive implementation of the IPoA for the next five years. China hopes that all the relevant parties will join in the common effort to translate the commitment into action and effectively implement the outcome document with a view to having half of number of the LDCs to meet the graduation criteria by 2020. In the meantime, we hope that the international community will take necessary support measures to ensure a smooth transition after graduation from LDCs.
The Vienna Program of Action is the crystallization of the international consensus on stepping up support for the development of the LDCs. Countries, the developed countries in particular, should effectively honor their commitment to international cooperation for development by assisting the LDCs in their efforts to address challenges such as geographic limitations, inadequate infrastructure and complicated transit and costly transport, promote development in the six priority areas as identified in the Program and the overall economic and social progress of the LDCs.

Mr. Chairman,

As a firm supporter for development of the LDCs and LLDCs, China has provided assistance to the best of its abilities in different forms, through various channels and within the framework of south south cooperation. China, as a transit developing country, has always been supporting the development of the LLDCs. China actively advocates the development of a economic belt along the Silk Road to promote interconnectivity and networking of the countries concerned as part of its efforts to intensify practical cooperation with the LLDCs. Last September when attending the summit events of the 71st session of the UNGA President Xi Jinping of China announced a series of measures to help the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, the implementation is well under way. In September this year The G 20 successfully held the Hangzhou Summit which launched the G20 Initiative on supporting industrialization in Africa and the Least Developed Countries. China stands ready to enhance coordination and cooperation and will continue to make its contribution for the development of the LDCs and LLDCs and the implementation of Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.