**Australia National Statement**

I would like to underscore three critical priorities for the UN’s Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

First, it is critical for FFD4 to reaffirm our commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We need to strongly reaffirm our commitment to building a sustainable, resilient, prosperous, peaceful, just and inclusive world by 2030. The 2030 Agenda is the indispensable guide to what we are working toward through FFD4.

Second, as one of the greatest challenges of our time, Australia strongly supports prioritising climate change adaption and mitigation in FFD4. Sustainable development and combatting climate change are interlinked challenges that must be addressed in a connected way. If we treat each challenge as a silo we will fail. Addressing climate and development challenges requires our collective efforts, including drawing on – and scaling up – financing from all sources.

Third, FFD4 must ensure that no one is left behind. We urge all countries to commit to a compact with their citizens. This compact is to not only undertake difficult domestic reforms to strengthen economic growth and domestic resource mobilisation but to direct increased financing to benefit the most vulnerable, particularly through strengthening social protection systems, developing and implementing disaster risk reduction strategies, and gender equality including marginalised groups.