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**Intervention**

Thank you Chair.

Bridging the substantial financing gap for the SDGs requires transformative actions to strengthen international cooperation and partnerships.

In this context, we highlight the following points:

1. ODA remains a central pillar of development financing. We urge developed countries to fulfill their ODA commitments ensuring that allocations align with recipient countries' specific needs, development stages and national development plans and strategies.
2. We advocate for improving quality, impact and effectiveness of international cooperation by reducing fragmentation and accelerating the untying of aid for more stable and predictable concessional funding. Indices like multidimensional vulnerability index are not universally adopted and therefore tying them to the determination of concessional finance, as mentioned in the Elements Paper, may be premature.
3. We should aim for broader access to concessional financing from MDBs, DFIs, IFIs, and philanthropic capital which can leverage long term, affordable private capital particularly for infrastructure and social sector projects, particularly through blended finance structures.

4. Scaling up MDB lending capacity involves strengthening Capital Adequacy Frameworks (CAF) and fresh capital infusion, to provide timely support to developing countries by increasing and optimizing long-term concessional finance, including lending in local currencies, and scaling up of country-owned and -driven innovative mechanisms. Furthermore, enhancing coordination across the MDB ecosystem is crucial for addressing development financing challenges. Ensuring broader representation, voice and participation of developing countries in MDB governance is also essential.
  
5. South-South and Triangular Cooperation coupled with regional and multilateral cooperation, are crucial for bridging the North-South divide. Leveraging the support of developed countries is essential to facilitate the exchange of best practices, expertise and grassroots innovations within the Global South.

Thank You.

