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NEPAL

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Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I reiterate the commitment of Nepal and state that Nepal fully supports and endorses the Action Plan that has been the subject of this meeting. As a matter of fact, we participated in the preparation and drafting of the Action Plan with the secretariat of this initiative, the office of the OECD and the ADB. We believe that the Action Plan, which reflects the basic principles and pillars to fight corruption, is a consensus document to guide our future activities in this area.

Nepal is committed to fight corruption. A constitutional body by the name of Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority, which has jurisdiction to act on abuses of authority including corruption, has been set up. As the government is fully committed to control corruption, three separate bills have been placed before the parliament to further explain, elucidate and enhance the authority and capacity of the Commission.

At the time of prioritising of activities in this area in the respective countries we need to stress on those measures which are specific and practical. We also very much look forward to work with our friends in the region to develop and implement proposals which shall bring us together in this area of fighting corruption.