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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation also wishes to extend its congratulations to you and the other members of your bureau on your election to guide the work of this very important session of the Commission.

The Bahamas fully aligns itself with the statements given in the name of G77+China and AOSIS, and welcomes the statement made by Under-Secretary General Chowdhury

The Bahamas endorses the particular emphasis that the Johannesburg Summit placed on Small Islands Developing States, Africa, and the Least Developed Countries. In addition we look forward to the negotiations with regard to the Secretary-General's Report for the reorganization of the CSD's work programme. As a SIDS country, The Bahamas deem that issues of water, sanitation and renewable energy are areas of critical concern and should be addressed at the fore of all priority issues.

Mr. Chairman,

As has been stated throughout this meeting, the examples of the last 30 years indicate that Governments cannot truly realize sustainable development alone. With this in mind, The Bahamas fully endorses the following for the work plan of the CSD:

The continued emphasis for the high level political involvement beyond the scope of environment;

2. The implementation and monitoring of programmes and targets as set out in Agenda 21, BPoA, the MDGs and the JPOI;
3. A strengthening of the intergovernmental process in the reorganization of CSD, particularly in addressing the organization of work and the monitoring of progress relating to the implementation of JPOI;
4. Full support of the statement already made by G77+China with regard to Partnerships; and
5. The need for more involvement of major groups in the decision-making process.

Mr. Chairman,

The Bahamas is encouraged by the processes in the CSD that are leading to the international meeting for the review of the BPoA, which will be the first process since the WSSD.

Mr. Chairman,

As a member of AOSIS The Bahamas pledges its full cooperation in the development of a new work plan for the CSD and the BPoA+10 review

Thank you.