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INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MAIN PRIORITIES ISSUES AND THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE OBSTACLES POSES TO THE IMPLMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA TO MEET THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - SDG, S

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Mr. President,

It's my great honor to attend this virtual annual meeting for Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the G77 and China.

On behalf of the Minister of External Relations, I congratulate you for assuming this important position as key player role on political negotiating setting at the United Nations.

I would like to assure you my delegation support and cooperation during your tenure as chairmanship of the G77 and China for 2022.

I also take this occasion to convey our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Republic of Guinea for its wisdom and leadership of the Group of 77 in 2021 and And to congratulate Pakistan on the election to chair the G77+China Group for the year 2022

Mr. President,

Angola recognizes the special challenges and needs facing all developing countries, especially countries in particular African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States as well as specific challenges faced by many middleincome countries, conflict and post-conflict countries and countries and peoples living under foreign occupation

In this context the upcoming international agenda for the next months will be challenging for the Group of 77 and China as a result of the fact that many important events scheduled to be held on norm setting process are currently under preparation by an Intergovernmental negotiation starting by the 5th United Nations Conference for the Least Developed Countries **UNLDC V from 23 to 27 January 2022 in Doha, Qatar** framework to undertake a comprehensive review of the **implementation of the Istanbul Program of Action - IPOA** and to agree on a renewed partnership between LDC and their development partners to mobilise additional international support measures and action to overcome structural challenges, eradicate poverty, achieve internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from the LDC category through the adoption of the new Doha Program and Action Plan for Least Developed Countries for the decade 2022 -2032.

Mr. President

In this regard my country is among the countries which have formally meet the LDC graduation criteria and part of the four LDC, s to be graduated by 2024 and we support the inclusion of proposed package to support measures and unilateral trade preferences to support the smooth transition of graduated LDC, over a period time between 9 to 12 years.

Mr. President,

Regarding the multi-dimensional impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially on developing countries. The global economic setback, caused by this pandemic, has undermined some of the progress made so far by all developing countries, especially countries in special situation to achieve the 2030 Development Agenda Goals.

The COVID-19 brought a global economic crise which reduced the External financial inflows in Africa, nevertheless, remind that finance for development is crucial for the development agenda in the continent, especially in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (Agenda 2030).

We consider very important and crucial, for the control of the pandemic the importance of assuring access to Covid-19 vaccines to all countries, and we support the production of the vaccines in different regions of the world.

To enhancing the contribution of South-South cooperation and other regional initiatives and partnerships to support to the COVAX facility, to ensure fair and equitable access to vaccines for developing countries.

In this regard we welcome the launch this month of a new database WTO-IMF COVID-19 Vaccine Trade Tracker; aimed at providing greater transparency on the cross-border flow of COVID-19 vaccines and provides data on the trade and supply of vaccines by product, country and arrangement type.

Mr. President,

As matter of principle of this external policy, The Republic of Angola attaches great importance to the value of solution guided by peace, dialogue and consensus to reach international peace and security and development we believe on principle of multilateralism and we are skeptical regarding decision made through unilateralism and protectionism including any unilateral economic, financial or trade measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

Angola considers that multilateralism needs to bring on board all ideas and perspectives. The proposals in the Secretary General report can be the way forward to the revitalization of the UN.

Finally, regarding the ongoing negotiation on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and successive COP on climate change, we consider that the Group of 77 + China should continuous to calls on developed countries to meet their commitment and jointly mobilize financial resources of at least USD 100 billion to assist developing countries in their climate change actions with respect to both mitigation and adaptation, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries to achieve the 2030 Agenda goals for Sustainable Development.

To conclude Mr. President,

I would like to reiterate that my delegation looks forward to working with you during your mandate and with entire G77 and China members.

Thank you.