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**Statement by**

H.E Mr. Saleumxay KOMMASITH, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Lao PDR at the seventh meeting of the intergovernmental negotiations

on the post – 2015 development agenda,

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Mr. Co-facilitator,

It is my privilege to speak, on behalf of the Lao People's Democratic Republic delegation. Let me first of all express our sincere appreciation to you and your Co-facilitator for continued guidance in our work in the most capable manner on the negotiation process of the post – 2015 development agenda. My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Zambia on behalf of LLDCs and Benin on behalf of LDCs.

My delegation would also like to join previous speakers in thanking you for your tireless efforts in producing the final draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit later this year. We find that the final draft is a good basis for our final negotiation as it mostly reflects the comments and suggestions made by member states and the needs of development in many areas that we have had discussed in the previous negotiations process

on post – 2015 development agenda. Nonetheless, my delegation wishes to make comments on some elements of the final draft as follows:

On the *introduction* and on the part of *our world today*. My delegation strongly supports the substance, which emphasizes on poverty eradication as the greatest global challenge and indispensable for sustainable development. The recent MDG report 2015, which was launched by Secretary General Ban – Kim moon early this month indicates that remarkable progress has been made in attaining various MDG targets, particularly, steady reduction in poverty rate. However, there are numerous challenges in attaining MDGs for many countries in the world, especially, for the most vulnerable groups of countries namely LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. Therefore, we insist that the new agenda highlight the need to address poverty as a multidimensional phenomenon and addressing the off – tract MDGs in those vulnerable groups of countries.

On the *mean of implementation*. We are of the view that the mean of implementation should be in line with the outcome of the Third International Conference on Financing for development. In addition, the follow-up on the means of implementation at global level should emphasize on ODA commitments, in particular ODA to the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. In para 34 of the section on implementation, we welcome the substance, which highlights the importance of Official Development Assistance (ODA) in supporting sustainable development and the implementation of various UN programs of actions namely, Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs, SAMOA Pathway, Vienna Program of Action for LLDCs

On the *follow – up and review*, we propose that follow up and review should include all 17 goals and 169 targets of SDGs and should capture all components of related activities of the development. The follow up and review should also operate in the context of practice and experience exchange and mutual learning at national, regional and global levels. In this regard, we propose that national governments assess their implementation on a voluntary basis and in light of their respective national realities.

We also believe that High Level Political Forum should be a key mechanism of the global network of review process. As stipulated in the resolution 67/290, the HLPF forum is mandated to provide guidance and recommendations for sustainable development and follow up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments. Particularly, means of implementation within the framework of the post - 2015 development agenda.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

It is our firm belief that the outcome documents to be adopted by our leaders at the UN Summit this year will form a solid ground for ensuring sustainable development and further strengthening international development cooperation under the framework of global partnership with particular attention given to eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development and inclusive economic growth and in realizing the post – 2015 development agenda. I wish our deliberation a great success.

I thank you.