

Seventy-Fourth Session of Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget
Statement of Bangladesh as coordinator of LDC group

Madam Chair
Respected Deputy Secretary General
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning.

I am making this statement on behalf of LDC group. We associate with the statement made by the coordinator of G77 and China. Let me express our thanks to you for taking the responsibility of chairmanship of the Working Party. We are confident under your able leadership we will be able to have a fruitful outcome. We thank Deputy Secretary General for his presence and briefing. We also thank the Secretariat for circulating the working documents. LDC group attaches great importance to the session of the Working Party due to its significance for implementation of actions we set during UNCTAD XIV four months ago. It is our understanding that this session is dedicated to making changes in both the biannual programmes of 2016-17 and 2018-19 in light of UNCTAD XIV outcome, which is whole period before our next Ministerial Conference. Besides, we will have mid-term review in 2018. Therefore, it is important for us to properly reflect the actions that have been mandated to us by the Ministers so that we can report to our ministers during the mid-term review as well as during UNCTAD XV that UNCTAD has fulfilled its mandate.

Having said that we like to make few general observations for consideration of the whole membership

First, as we understand from the agenda, the major objective of the meeting is to review the Work programmes of 2016-17 and 2018-19 and make modification in those programmes in line with UNCTAD XIV outcome. Therefore, it is necessary that we make changes in the work programmes only when it is mandated by UNCTAD XIV, unless it is extremely necessary to include others.

Second, Maafikiano mandates UNCTAD to strengthen its special focus on trade and development needs of LDCs in accordance with Istanbul Plan of Action and other outcomes. Therefore, we do expect more activities of UNCTAD towards achieving the targets in the area of trade and development and other interrelated areas in the areas of finance, technology and investment. We also like to hear from the Secretariat about what activities are incorporated in these programmes in order to fulfill this mandate.

Third, while going through the document provided to us for this session, we have observed that while programme narrative of 2016-17 contains changes from the previous one, programme narrative of 2018-19 does not have that information. We kindly request Secretariat to circulate that information in order to enable us to effectively participate in the discussion.

Fourth, UNCTAD XIV mandates UNCTAD to continue its efforts to enhance its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability, including through effective results-based management and ensuring a member State-driven process through the intergovernmental machinery. It does not mandate to

develop new guidelines for RBM. To our understanding it requires result based management through ensuring member state driven process. We need to ensure this while reviewing the work programmes.

Finally, Madam Chair, the session is a test case for us to accomplish our goal to revitalize intergovernmental machinery through a member driven process. The LDC group is looking forward to have a fruitful discussion on the work programmes in order to have a member driven outcome.

I thank you Madam Chair