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**General statements**  
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## STATEMENT OF NEW VISION INTERNATIONAL

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Mr. President, Excellences, and Dear Colleagues,

Interdependence between the public and the private sector is critical for sustainable jobs creation, poverty alleviation, and stimulating growth. When discussing about Africa, I recommend this book published by the World Bank, "Defragmenting Africa"... which describes in depth what was mentioned yesterday by H.E. Ministry of Trade of Zambia, Mr. Robert Sichinga and his colleague panelists.

The statement made by the delegation of the United States about the role of women and the private sector in the economy corroborates with our vision. *"It is the private sector that should create jobs."* Also, we should integrate the Diaspora and Women in the solutions for alleviating poverty through jobs creation. In Africa, women are the engines of the economy of the family, and the community. In my native country of the Democratic Republic of Congo, *"if you give a good job to a woman, you'll save 10 (ten) adults"*. Myself, as an Entrepreneur, I work with a cooperative of 47 (forty seven) women in the sector of industrial fishing in the Congo. We are still facing several challenges; such as nevertheless includes technology transfer, and collaterals for credit facilities.

The transfers of the Diaspora to Africa are superior to the sum of the total budget of the home country plus the international "aid".

I propose that UNCTAD should organize a workshop or a forum with the Africans from the Diaspora.

Please, listen to them.

We should find a way to explain how to mobilize funds "internally" for creating jobs, rather than asking for international "aid". This aid is one of the main causes of poverty in Africa.

Regards,

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