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**Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional  
and international levels**

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Nepal - Mr. Ronal RAI,

Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

Nepal would like to deliver a short comment on behalf of LDCs group.

Firstly, we congratulate Gambia for assuming the stewardship of CTSD cycle and we thank Madame Sirimane, UNCTAD and all the resource persons.

LDCs, LLDCs and Africa, firstly have weak access to reliable and affordable connectivity and secondly lack the meaningful utilization of data, infrastructure and skill to leverage digitalization to achieve sustainable structural transformation. We hope and believe the GDC, CSTD, WSIS, IGF and all other relevant forums and processes will provide concrete deliverables and help these groups of countries to attain all forms of required assistance including technological, financial and regulatory for them to transform and flourish. We believe inclusion should be central to the meaningful global digitalization else further divides and marginalization are inevitable. We hope commitments and aspirations will convert to results.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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