

**Statement by Mr. Fidel Casimiro, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola in the ECOSOC Forum for Financing for Development Follow-up (FfD Forum)**

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Mr. President,

I would like to take this opportunity to state that my delegation fully aligns with the statement made by Egypt on behalf of the G77 and China.

I would also wish to emphasize on the great work the Permanent Representatives of Jamaica and Portugal have done, which resulted to an intergovernmental consensus outcome document for this Forum.

Mr. President,

Angola is of the views that by achieving a consensus outcome documents on such important issue, we, the international community, are disposed to continue making the financing for development process meaningful and effective. This optimistic signal is important to note.

In the same line, although there is a significant interest to create an enabling environment capable to empower countries, in particular developing countries, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

Angola believes that there is a need to show consideration for strengthening multilateral policies regarding financial, investment, trade and development issues.

This, in our view, would reinforce and provide consistency to the notion of global partnership and solidarity, which we consider important.

Mr. President,

The issues in conjunction with structural challenges such as poor infrastructure, the lack of efficient transport and transit systems, the differential of growth opportunities within countries, the need to have a socioeconomic transformation for a dominant economy, among others, the exposure to global environment difficulties are realities which cannot be disregarded and need to be addressed adequately.

We cannot deny that these challenges have a great impact on the welfare and human development of the people.

Mr. President,

While it is highly important to be able to find common ground and arrive to a consensus outcome document as it is the case, and here again allow me to praise the co-facilitators for their work, we still ought to take hold of this optimism to push on the aspirational path set up by the Addis Ababa Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, which was outlined by us.

Through this approach, we will continue to take the FfD process forward.

Thank you.