

### **Nepal's Intervention: Agenda 3.b**

Mr. Chairperson,

First of all, delegation of Nepal is confident that under your able chairmanship we will bring out a valuable consensus in the area of trade and development of this region.

Mr. Chairperson,

The landlocked developing countries are facing constant challenges in the area of trade, transit and socioeconomic development due to lack of territorial access to the sea, remoteness and isolation from the world markets and high transit costs. Limited progress of the Doha Round of trade negotiation has also largely hindered the trade and economic activities of the LLDCs. Nepal, also being a Least Developed Country, has been facing the additional challenges. Landlocked situation and mountain terrains have made transportation cost very high. It is very important that LLDCs should be provided with greater market access for their products, supported for the transfer of appropriate technology to enhance their productive capacity and competitiveness.

The LDCs alone cannot fulfill their commitments without significant international support measure to achieve the overarching goals of Istanbul Program of Action to overcome the structural challenges faced by the LDCs in order to eradicate poverty, achieve internationally agreed development Goals with special focus on MDGs and enable graduation from LDC category. The entire commitments and actions of the IPoA must be undertaken by all the relevant stakeholders, fully and timely, in a coherent and holistic manner.

While committing ourselves for timely implementation of IPoA, delegation of Nepal would like to use this forum to urge the development partners, UN agencies, civil society, multilateral organizations, the private sectors and all other stakeholders to play their respective roles actively and effectively.

Thank you