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Thank you Mr Chair.

The EU refers also to the statement it will deliver during the upcoming general debate.

The Candidate Countries North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this position.

The EU and its Member States extend our warm thanks to the Chair, Bureau members and Secretariat for their successful stewardship of

Second, with respect to paragraph 3, we would have wished to see a clearer reference ±drawing on more recent sources - to the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Declaration's text gives insufficient prominence to this point in the context of its reference to internationally agreed development goals.

Finally, as regards paragraph 4, we would note that we do not interpret this language as imposing any new financial obligations and that this text does not reflect relevant developments since 2014 - most importantly the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which provides the global framework for financing in support of the SDGs.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

