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Trinidad and Tobago congratulates the Government and People of Ethiopia on successfully hosting this Third International Conference on Financing **for** Development. In the short time since my arrival on Sunday, I have been struck by the warmth, dedication and resilience of the People of Ethiopia. This spirit of positivity has indeed been an ever present in the Conference over the past two days, which we hope will be manifested the outcome of our work.

This auspicious Conference is the first in a series of three pivotal international Conferences in 2015 that should set the world on a path to eradicate poverty and inequality; advance economic growth and development; and ensure the preservation of the environment for present and future generations.

Trinidad and Tobago is therefore pleased to join the global consensus to adopt the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. In our view, this Agenda places the international community in a position to consolidate the gains from the Doha and Monterrey Conferences, address outstanding challenges, and chart the way forward for future progress in building an effective global partnership for development.

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We must move with haste to deliver on the commitment in the Action Agenda to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making, norm setting and global economic governance.