



Mr. President

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the fourteen States members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

At the outset, let me congratulate the President of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-5) on his election and thank the co-chairs and members of the Preparatory Bureau for the Conference for their leadership in carrying out the work that has enabled us to achieve this result.

path to sustainable development and resilience by providing appropriate responses to the challenges faced by LDCs in order to meet the pressing needs of their populations. It represents a major step in the alignment of LDCs with the 2030 Agenda. It is a