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**Closing statement by
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Excellencies,
Honorable Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank all the ministers, vice-ministers and high-level government representatives for their frank and productive insights on implementing the Addis Agenda at the national level. While challenges to implementation exist in all countries, it is heartening to hear of the progress that has been made and what steps lie ahead.

I would also like to thank the representatives of the major institutional stakeholders of the FfD follow-up process for their expert contributions and other stakeholders for their inputs to these fruitful discussions. These round tables have been an excellent opportunity to share lessons learned and I look forward to dialogues such as these continuing at the national, regional and international levels for years to come.

I thank you once again.