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- We would like to express our appreciation to the DG for her efforts in communicating our views on the Post-2015 Education Agenda to the wider debate.

- As has been outlined, the task that lies ahead for us and UNESCO is to ensure the alignment of outcomes of the World Education Forum 2015 (Korea) and the education-related goal and targets of the global development agenda to be adopted at the high-level United Nations Summit in September 2015.

- As we work towards the alignment of the educational agendas of the World Education Forum 2015 and the post-2015 development agenda we must prepare a “framework for action” (FoA) that creates a future architecture for the implementation of the post-2015 education agenda that renders our Educational goals achievable, acceptable and universally-relevant to all countries, while acknowledging their unique national contexts and socio-economic diversities.

- The new FoA should retain the lessons and achievements of the EFA experience. The OWG report has sought to build on MDG achievements and finishing unfinished business and we should retain this approach for the FoA. Since the framework will define the future “architecture” of mechanisms related to the post-2015 education agenda at global and regional levels and also provide suggestions on implementation strategies at the country/State level, while devising it we should retain those lessons and mechanisms from EFA (Education for All) (such as the EFA-SC and its constituents) that have proved useful. The specific forms may be tailored to allow for a more purposeful implementation of the new agenda. The new FoA will necessarily have to acknowledge and anticipate the fast-changing global dynamics. This may

require the creation of new categories and groupings but caution should be exercised to ensure that it is inclusive and not seen as in lieu of any existing mechanisms or groupings.

□ The FoA needs to specify that in the post-2015 regime the declining trend of official development assistance from developed countries should be reversed and a target for the same to assist countries most in need of funding support for unfinished EFA agendas be specified.

□ There can be no argument against the need to coordinate across the SDGs so that these are compatible and consistent with each other. However, we will need to carefully define any proposed coordination highlighting the complementarities while being mindful of any proposition that might be misconstrued as infringement. We will therefore await closely the suggestions on operationalising the coordination across Goals.

□ Finally, as the outgoing Chair of the E-9, let me say that it has been an honour to represent the E-9 group of countries. E-9 has served us well, helping build educational cooperation between those countries that carry the burden of global educational access and advancement, and we should take important lessons on such cooperation as we embark on a new journey with the future Educational agenda. We are certain that Pakistan, which will assume the Chair at the upcoming E-9 Ministerial in Islamabad, will continue to do champion our causes and we offer our fullest cooperation and best wishes to them.

Thank you!