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Argentina aligns itself with the statement of the distinguished Permanent Representative of Cuba on behalf of the Joint Coordination Committee.

We would like to add our thankfulness to the co-facilitators for their commitment and efficiency to the forwarding of this process in a transparent and open fashion and taking into consideration the interests and viewpoints expressed on the several occasions for dialogue during the 62nd General Assembly.

We would like to express our gratefulness especially for the Report presented by the co-facilitators that will be a valuable basis for advancing during the next period of sessions and we would like to express our satisfaction for the way the situation of middle income countries is treated in this Report.

I will limit myself to only a few specific considerations on one issue. As it has already been expressed, Argentina as a developing country considers that financing, development and governance are fundamental priorities in this process.

However, it is not possible to imagine development without talking about development of women, without advancing the situation of women and without gender equality. We know very well that transformation of economic growth in development is not achieved by spillover, but it is the result of a political will whose goal is to construct a more equal society. And in this process we have the opportunity to contribute to the development of women and of our societies through the strengthening of the gender architecture of the United Nations as a fundamental tool to support national efforts both in normative aspects and as a reality in the field.

Argentina considers that one of the results of this process should be the creation of a strong architecture with national ownership, greater coherence and coordination, clear leadership, accountability and an efficient mechanism of interstate governance, operative capacity in the field and adequate financing. We thank the document presented by the Deputy Secretary General, Dr. Migiro, which explores all possible options and in this respect we would like to point out that we believe that the options to maintain the status quo or to limit ourselves to creating a Department within the Secretariat would not be ambitious enough and do not seem to offer us the qualitative leap that we are looking for in this process.

We believe that we must continue working on the basis of the other options, with views to creating a new structure on the model of a Fund or Program or of composite nature - not through the atomization of existing structures but by incorporating their capacities, knowledge and resources in a new structure. Key issues remain pending, such as financing of this new structure, that we hope will be addressed in the upcoming substantial discussions on this subject.

Thank you