

Delegation from

The State of Rwanda

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I. Access to Education for Women and Girls

“We have always regarded the equal participation of women in all aspects of national life, including the liberation struggle, as an indispensable contribution to the socio-economic transformation of our country” (Paul Kagame, Rwanda’s current President). As pointed out by Rwanda’s current President, the State of Rwanda strongly advocates the access to education for women and girls and urges all member states to contribute to make it accessible to all. Gender equality is an extremely important pillar for development of the state where notable achievements have been registered. Girl’s education is a human right and Rwanda made it its priority hence, reaching the highest primary school enrolment rates in Africa. The primary net enrolment rate increasing to 97 per cent in 2012 while gender parity at primary level has been achieved. Rwanda won the Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards 2012, for the innovative fast-tracking strategies of the 9 Year Basic Education Programme. Poverty will be reduced if we increase women’s labor force and earning. In fact, the number of malnourished people will be reduced by 14% if women were given the same access to resources as men. Rwanda firmly believes that the following actions will make education more accessible for women and girls by:

- Reinforcing of the socio-economic development policies, with particular focus on poverty reduction and food security;
- Increasing investment in rural development so as to continue reducing poverty.

II. Foreign Direct Investment in Africa

The State of Rwanda has achieved important socio economic performances after the genocide. The country built a solid foundation for its long term development and is now the top global reformer. Foreign direct investment is an important aspect of Africa’s strategy for transformation because it can stimulate domestic investment, facilitate technology transfer, create employment, promote exports and generate economic growth. The presence of FDI in a country will attract more FDI to that country in the future. The State of Rwanda recommends other member states to collaborate with existing foreign investors in their countries in order to multiply FDI’s input. Rwanda also recommends to strengthen regional integration to increase free-trade, enlarge the

size of domestic markets and after all generate more political stability. Ultimately it will encourage even more foreign direct investment in Africa. Please add a conclusion, citing why FDI is important for Africa.

III. Promoting Integrity and Transparency in Democratically Elected Governments

Out of the 10 most corrupt countries, six of them are in Africa. Promoting integrity is a key strategy to achieve a sustainable development. Corruption weakens good governance and slows the economic growth. The State of Rwanda recommends other member states the UN Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) project. The UN-PRAC targets youth and civil society organizations and aims at raising awareness on the United Nations Convention against corruption.

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