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**SESSION 5: The G20@20 Review**

Thank you, Chair, for giving the African Union the floor.

The African Union thanks the South Africa's G20 Presidency for undertaking this review process of the G20@20. This provides us with an opportunity to assess the progress made, identify the strength and weaknesses, threats, and opportunities that the G20 should consider as it begins a new cycle of presidencies.

I would like to thank the group that has worked on this with the very interesting presentations we have heard this morning.

I think we all agree that it is timelier than ever.

Our World has changed significantly since the G20 was established. Challenges have increased, have become more complex and more interrelated whether they are geopolitical, socio-economic or related to climate change, health, technologies etc...

In this context, we believe that the G20 is more important and relevant than ever and we would like to see it strengthened as a platform for dialogue, exchanges of views, convergence building and identification for concrete and operational solutions to common challenges.

Let me share some ideas as a contribution to our collective reflection.

1/ G20 should continue being the platform to reaffirm our firm, common and collective commitment to multilateralism. It is all the more important as we are moving towards the reform of global economic governance as well as International Financial Architecture.

2/ We need to reinforce our ability to implement and sustain our various initiatives. Without this ability, it will be difficult to make an indelible mark in effectively addressing future global challenges. This relates to the stability and sustainability of the G20 agenda and its structures (Working Groups and task Forces)

Given the complexities of issues that now the G20 is dealing with, it is obvious that the challenges cannot be dealt with within one year. Whilst we have observed some themes being carried over from one presidency to the other, this has not been institutionalized.

3/ As we are building on past experiences, we believe that too many priorities means actually no priorities. In this respect, the G20 should perhaps have less priorities or consolidated priorities in the spirit of rationalization and bring more focus on these priorities in order to monitor implementation and follow-up

4/ With respect to working methods, the following should be considered:

It is important to confirm the informal and consensus-based nature of the G20.

We should work towards rationalizing the number of Working Groups and Task Forces and avoid duplications but rather build more synergies and interconnections between thematics.

Carrying the work of these structures over a period of 3 years, to ensure that decisions and recommendations are effectively implemented;

Finding the right mechanisms to monitor and support implementation of G20 Recommendations and Initiatives.

5/ We share the principle of rotating regional groups. The African Union, whilst supporting this principle, would recommend that the modality of rotating the G20 Presidency between developed and emerging markets economies should also be considered.

6/ We welcome and support the continued and strengthened work with the International Organizations.

7/ A final word on the need to increase the intensity of our interactions with the Engagements groups. We saw in the presentation by OECD this morning that there is still room for improvement. This would bring a high value to the work of the G20 for increased ownership and impact.

I thank you Chair.

## **SESSION 6: Elements of the 2025 G20 Leaders' Declaration**

Thank you, Chairperson, for giving the African Union the floor.

We are committed to work with all to ensure full success to the work of the G20 South African Presidency.

Based on our young experience, the African Union recommends the following principles and elements of process for the 2025 G20 Leaders' Declaration.

With respect to the guiding principles, the African Union recommends that the 2025 G20 Leaders' Declaration should be guided by the following:

- Ambitious in terms of goals;
- Pragmatic and actionable focusing on recommendations and decisions that can be implemented within a timeline not exceeding three to five years; As we are collectively moving towards 2030, this should be our natural horizon for any action to be undertaken.

In terms of process leading to the G20 Leaders' Declaration, we will be looking forward to receiving the first draft soon. We support the principles of consultations and consensus under the leadership of the Presidency.

We will be guided by the Presidency's decisions for future sherpa meetings. We could perhaps hear from you Chair, on how best we can make use of the presence in New York on the margins of UNGA, in addition to the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Regarding substantive issues, we believe that the following topics should be given appropriate consideration in the Declaration:

- Centrality of the Development Agenda
- Support Action on Climate Change especially for adaptation
- Accelerate the Just Energy Transition
- The issue of critical minerals should be strongly linked to an equitable participation to the global value chains
- Reform of the International Financial Architecture and the WTO. We would like to stress the need to further support the African Development Bank considering the key role it plays on the Continent.
- Management of debt sustainability
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Transforming Food Systems
- Artificial Intelligence especially the AI initiative for Africa that we are working on mainly with UNESCO.

We will be circulating our inputs in writing to the Presidency for facilitation of follow-up.

We also believe that we should build more on our interactions with the engagements groups to ensure greater outreach and ownership of all the work conducted by the G20.

I end here and thank you for your attention.