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### **Key points of the statement by**

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◇ Belarus commends the activities of ECOSOC, in particular, the effective holding of its 2011 substantive session at which Belarus submitted its national report "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education". Our country is taking concrete actions to achieve further integration of the national educational system into the world educational space. The system of voluntary national presentations, in our view, is one of the most important and unique mechanisms of mutual accountability and feedback for the process of achieving MDGs.

◇ Belarus stands for strengthening of the coordinating role of ECOSOC on the MDGs issues including the elaboration of further steps towards achieving the MDGs after 2015. We believe that annual ministerial meetings as well as Development Cooperation Forums could become the main fora to discuss these issues. In this regard, Belarus proposes to discuss the MDGs agenda after 2015 at the 2013 ECOSOC's Annual Ministerial Review.

◇ It is of principal importance for the international community today to brisk up its efforts to achieve MDGs on the basis of the principals of global partnership, including fulfillment of the obligations in the field of development.

◇ An important factor contributing to the achievement of MDGs is forming of a new architecture in the energy field in order to provide universal access to energy services and up-to-date energy technologies.

◇ Belarus supports the practice of periodic reviews of the operational activities for development under the auspices of ECOSOC. In this regard we commend the forthcoming discussion by the UN operational funds and programmes on their common strategy for improved support to low-income and middle-income countries.

◇ Belarus believes it's necessary to take into consideration the consequences of climate change in the long-term strategies of financing development and building-up "green economy".

◇ We commend ECOSOC high-level meetings with the participation of the IMF, the World Bank, WTO, ILO and WHO. At the same time we suggest considering the agenda optimization of such joint meetings with special emphasis on their efficiency.

◇ The activities of the ECOSOC should, to a larger extent, be aligned with solutions to the urgent problems experienced by UN Member States. Belarus is keen to make a contribution to this work, including as member of ECOSOC, if elected to this vital UN entity.