



Statement from the Government of Germany

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Thank you Madame Chair

Like many of the previous speakers I would like to thank the government of Denmark for hosting this event and also the co-sponsoring countries and of course the GPE.

Education is a key priority of German development cooperation. We support education through our bilateral programs and multilaterally. For many years now Germany has been one of the largest donors in education. The last year of OECD DAC reporting Germany has dispersed bilaterally over 1.2 billion euro for the promotion of education. In 2010 we have increased our commitments for education by more than 10% compared to the previous year up to a total of 224 million euro and our firm intention is to continue this trend and further increase our contribution to the education sector.

Secondly, Germany ODA for basic education has reached more than 100 million euro- 106 to be precise.

Thirdly, German contributions to GPE endorsed countries were significantly increased over the last decade and in 2002, when it all started, Germany spent 8 million euro to the now endorsed countries and in 2010 eight years later this amount has multiplied by 12 to 99 million euro.

Fourthly, we will at least double our commitments for education in Africa from 68.5 million euro in 2009 to a minimum of 137 million in 2013.

Fifthly, by the end of 2012 we will have contributed a minimum 30 million euro to the GPE fund between 2008 and 2012.

For 2011 we are committing 5 million. For 2012, 5 million too and for 2013, 5.5 million. And as we are meeting here my ministry is trying everything in the German Bundestag to still increase these figures and the crucial meeting will be next week. Thank you for your attention.