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Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to begin by thanking the governments of Senegal and France for co-hosting this GPE Financing Conference in the country of Teranga. This conference has successfully brought together key stakeholders to address the urgent need for increasing global investment in education and to discuss how we could create a better future through inclusive, equitable, and quality education.

As distinguished participants already know, education has been the key for the success story of Korea’s development. We fully understand that no country can drive itself out of the poverty trap without inclusive and equitable education provided for all.

Today, the Korean government is working closely with partner countries to share the lessons learned and observations made from our success. Particularly, the Korean government is providing vocational training, including for refugee children and adolescents when providing humanitarian assistance.

In line with these efforts, the Korean government became a donor to GPE since 2014 with the commitment of 5 million USD during 2014-2020. Korea has disbursed 2.8 million USD by the end of last year and will implement its contribution of 2.2 million USD from 2018 to 2020. We highly appreciate what GPE has achieved thus far in helping developing country partners improve their education. We are pleased to be a part of this endeavor.

In closing, the Korean government reaffirms its solid commitment to supporting education for all and the realization and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. I believe today’s conference will add fresh momentum to our joint efforts to strengthen access to quality education for the future we want.

Thank you. /End/