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Statement of the Minister of Education,
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- Excellency, Chair of the Global Partnership for Education Board,
- Excellency, EU Commissioner for Development,
- Excellencies, Ministers and Government members,
- Excellencies, Partners and Education Donors,
- Honorable audience,
- Ladies and gentlemen

It is with great pleasure that I have the honor of addressing you for the second Replenishment Conference hosted by the European Union, clearly marking the international community's will to renew Government, Education donors, civil society and private sector commitments to ensuring equitable quality education to a great number of children in the world.

For the Union of Comoros, the Government has implemented, through the Education Ministry, a financing simulation tool to ensure that education policy mid and long-term sustainability criteria are met by 2020.

This tool has developed a baseline scenario which was validated by the Government, in the Council of Ministers, to confirm the Comorian State's commitment to supporting the education policy by 2020.

To this end, the two following commitments were taken into account, namely to:

- Increase public domestic education funding by at least 1 annual percentage point.
- Reinforce data and accountability processes.

To increase public domestic education funding, the Government has committed to:

- raising sector funding from 20.4 % in 2010 to 25% in 2020. In the 2014 Union of Comoros Financial Law, 28% of the national budget is already devoted to education.
- devoting at least 40% of public expenditures in primary schools (knowing that teacher salary advances, mainly in primary schools, were provided in 2014).

To ensure that these commitments are respected, a sector budget programming process has been initiated, jointly with the Ministry of Finances and Budget and the Island Executives and within the education MTEF development, which includes education equity issues as well.

As regards commitments for education statistics and accountability, the Comorian Government has:

- integrated a budget line on education statistics in the 2014 Financial Law.
- implemented a primary cycle-end exam student assessment mode revision reform so data will be analyzed yearly to inform the greater public on student learning;
- established a report on 2013 State public expenditures to be transmitted to the National Assembly to allow for Government action and public resources use evaluation;
- recently published education statistics documents through the Ministry of Education (2013/2014 statistic yearbook, 2013/2014 Scoreboard and Education For All key indicators).

The Education Ministry is preparing a Website for this data dissemination.

I take this opportunity to thank the international community for its flawless engagement in favor of quality education for all throughout the world.

I thank you.