The Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) came to a close on 13 May in Istanbul, Turkey, with the adoption of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) and the Istanbul Political Declaration, setting a clear target "to halve the number of least developed countries in the next decade."

In the Istanbul Programme of Action, developed countries recommitted to realize 0.15-0.20 per cent of their gross national income (GNI) as official development assistance (ODA) to LDCs. Although countries already committed to these percentages 10 years ago in the Brussels Programme of Action, the majority of donor countries have failed to meet the targets. Current ODA levels for LDCs are less than 0.1 per cent of developed countries' GNI collectively. Moreover, the IPoA encourages those countries that already give the committed percentage to further increase their aid levels. In addition to donor support, South-South cooperation was brought to the fore as a process that can complement existing North-South cooperation. (...)

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