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First of all, I should send you my deep condolence to the sudden loss of Haiyan Qian. I was supposed to see her in NY when I visited the Division last month, and I could not believe the news. We lost a great cheerful leader in the UN and a dear friend of many of us. While attending the recent ASPA annual conference in New Orleans last month, the organizer asked the audience a moment of silence in memoriam.

As regards the themes to be discussed in CEPA, such as making use of public governance for creating an enabling environment for the post-2015 development agenda, I believe the role of respective stakeholders in public governance and each one's accountability would deserve a greater attention. At the time of shrinking public finance, the roles of corporate, and non-governmental organizations as well as citizens inputs will become of greater importance in sustainable development, encompassing energy, environment, disaster, education, etc. Consequently, their accountability and transparency would need to be increasingly checked and pursued.

As a former staff of your Programme, I trust the Division would do well in organizing the session that would result in successful reporting to ECOSOC. I sincerely wish you the success of the meeting and further development of the Programme so that your valuable inputs will reach each member state and all the public governance stakeholders.