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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set an ambitious series of targets for UN Member States and they require considerable investment, particularly within Africa. In addition, the African Union's Agenda 2063 for the structural transformation of the continent requires the development of African productive capacities through private sector engagement and development. The 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development underlines the importance of aligning private investment with sustainable development, while public policies need to provide a competitive environment that encourages the private sector. The signatories to this joint statement emphasize their commitment to facilitate investment to promote local pharmaceutical production in Africa, particularly antiretroviral medicines, in support of SDG 3 (essential medicines for all), SDG 9 (innovation and domestic technology development) and SDG 17 (international cooperation and policy coherence). We emphasize the importance of coherence among African domestic policies related to health, investment, trade, technology and intellectual property and the importance of integrating markets, and invite the Governments of the African Union Member States and other UN agencies to join us in this commitment.

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