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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to extend my warmest congratulations on your appointment and assure you as well as the members of the Bureau of full support and cooperation of my delegation in the weeks ahead.

Mr. Chairman,

The High Level Political Forum held earlier this year revealed that progress has been achieved in many areas relating to the goals and targets set out by the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Despite positive trends, there is still a long way to go in order to reach the SDGs. Disparities in achievements exist both between and among countries. Furthermore, we are lagging behind on our commitment to live no one behind as poverty and inequality continue to affect most vulnerable segments of population.

Of particular concern is the climate change-related extreme weather events that are increasingly affecting all the countries and threaten the modest development gains achieved so far.

This global challenge requires stepped up actions both in terms of mitigation and adaptation to prevent and reduce vulnerabilities to this phenomenon.

It is also imperative to guarantee the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

We express our hope that the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP24), to be hosted by Poland in December 2018, will have a substantive outcome that will marshal real action to avoid catastrophic consequences associated with the runaway climate change.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Moldova is firmly committed to the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

Earlier this year, with the support of the development partners, a long-term vision on the sustainable development of the Republic of Moldova was elaborated.

Titled “Moldova 2030”, this strategy builds upon the Agenda for sustainable development as well as the Republic of Moldova-European Union Association Agreement. It places the people at the center, taking into consideration their vulnerabilities, needs and their aspirations.

The document implies taking on increased responsibility to stop the degradation of the environment, developing robust human and social capital, sustainable and inclusive economy and building effective institutions.

To achieve the localized sustainable development goals, the Moldovan Government is pursuing important reforms aimed, *inter alia*, at ensuring rule of law and good governance, creating conducive environment for business development, fostering the application of modern technologies and implementing green economy projects.

Mr. Chairman,

The complexity as well as the scale of resources needed to achieve the sustainable development goals requires increased international cooperation and strengthened global partnership.

In this regard, we welcome the emphasis put by the Secretary-General António Guterres on partnerships for the 2030 Agenda.

We should make best use of the UN’s unique convening power to foster the much needed partnerships to mobilize the required mix of resources - technology, science and innovation and finance, to achieve the SDGs.

We are encouraged to note that the multilateral development banks and international financial institutions continue to step up efforts in support of the 2030 Agenda implementation.

Furthermore, the private sector’s knowledge and resources are critical to achieve the sustainable development goals, in particular those related to energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure as well as climate change resilience.

Last but not least, the United Nations will have to play an enhanced role in supporting Member States in pursuing the sustainable development path set by the 2030 Agenda.

It is our hope, Mr. Chairman, that the ambitious reforms initiated by the UN Secretary-General, in particular the management and the UN Development System reforms will enhance the Organization’s capacity to deliver the needed assistance and results at the national, regional and global level.

Thank you.