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Madam President, Excellencies

1. Bismillahirrahmannirrahim,
2. Assalamu’alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,
3. Good afternoon
4. It is truly an honour and a privilege at the mid-point of the SDGs and reflect on how to accelerate actions, securing a better tomorrow for future generations.
5. On this note, Brunei Darussalam would like to associate itself with the statement delivered by the Philippines on behalf of ASEAN; and the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf the G77 and China.

Madam President, Excellencies

6. With seven years remaining, time is not on our side. The scale of problems remains daunting. Despite advances in economies and accelerated growth, SDG progress remains less than desirable. I, however, am confident that we are ready to face the challenge of reversing the setbacks and seen promising efforts from solidarity, resilience and compassion. We must use this to renew our ambition for a more sustainable future.
7. Brunei Darussalam will be presenting our Second VNR tomorrow. The report shares our journey with unique stories that match our developmental needs and the way of living with strong community values, in line with our National Vision, Wawasan Brunei 2035. Our story involves our attempt to navigate uncertainty and our efforts to be more agile and resilient, and remain on a sustainable growth trajectory.
8. Brunei Darussalam will remain steadfast and offer thoughts on several key points.
9. Firstly, the need to reimagine and develop solutions by building solid and resilient SDG partnerships. We are a close-knit society that ensures that no one is left behind. Our youth, NGOs and private sectors also participate in national efforts. Our experience reaffirms the potential of more robust cooperation including that with the international community. We must strive towards this direction, and we hope to deliver such a collective message at the upcoming SDG Summit.
10. Second, is the need to further strengthen the global ecosystem for a more conducive implementation of the SDGs. Operating within an uncertain environment means we must strive to become more agile and competent, ensuring that we are always prepared for any eventualities. Through the Second VNR, we recognized that there are SDG gaps that require fixes and deep reforms and strengthening the SDG ecosystem will be a significant enabler, particularly enhancing monitoring, evaluation and reporting, and translating ideas into real action.
11. Finally, Brunei Darussalam supports the call from the Secretary-General to expand opportunities and capacities. We have to ensure that nobody is left behind, including vulnerable groups. Access to opportunities must be facilitated, to bridge

development gaps, fortify authentic sustainability and equitable nation-building for all. We are confident of the potential benefits of SDG implementation in making a turning point for everyone.

Madam President, Excellencies

12. Progress must continue in tandem with socio-economic development without compromising the planet's natural resources, to give rise to better impact for all. For Brunei Darussalam, this requires us to adopt the Whole-of-Nation approach and develop collaborative strategies for a more prosperous, progressive and sustainable future.

13. The SDG Summit 2023 provides a reality check of the SDG progress and, more importantly, serves as our window of opportunity to recommit and put forward strategic recommendations to move into the future – with more resilience, preparedness and integration.

14. Brunei Darussalam is committed to working with colleagues, riding the tides to deliver our shared promise with the high hope of putting the world on a better and more sustainable path.

15. Wabillahitaufiq Wal Hidaayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

16. Thank you.

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