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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

More than 10 years ago, we agreed on the Future We Want.

As member states we took it forward and adopted a landmark declaration on the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs.

We are now halfway to 2030. And unfortunately, we are not on track.

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We can point to the unexpected events that have brought us off track.

A devastating pandemic. The Russian aggression against Ukraine, which sent food and energy prices through the roof. Elevated debt distress levels exacerbating existing challenges. And climate change undermining development gains achieved through hard-won and determined progress.

This is not the future we wanted.

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When we come together in September at the SDG Summit, it is imperative that we **re-commit** to the 2030 Agenda. Not only in words, but in action. Denmark is determined to working constructively in partnership to ensure the success of the Summit.

We need to rebuild confidence in a common future. In our commitment to international cooperation. Through dialogue and common action.

I want to highlight two key points that Denmark believes need to be at the centre in our efforts of accelerating implementation of the SDGs:

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**First**, addressing the climate crisis and achieving the SDGs cannot happen in isolation. Climate and development policy are inseparably linked.

Since the adoption of the SDGs, the climate crisis has accelerated beyond our initial fears. It is abundantly clear that climate change constitutes a fundamental threat to our collective ambition of eradicating poverty and realise the SDGs. It's also increasingly clear that climate action and economic development increasingly

presuppose one another. In fewer words: development must be greened.

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Second, we need collectively to strengthen our efforts to mobilise more resources for climate and development. As we grapple with slow or halting SDG progress, we also face a SDG financing gap of between USD 3.9 to 7 trillion annually.

Denmark is proud to continue to deliver on our commitment of providing 0.7% of GNI in ODA. But we need to look beyond domestic resources and ODA to mobilise the funds required to achieve the SDGs, including private, blended and innovative finance. Reforms are needed to ensure International Financial Institutions contribute to moving the conversation from funding to financing.

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Mr/madam chair,

Recent developments have shown us that hard-won progress is too easily lost.

The upcoming SDG Summit is a unique opportunity to reinvigorate the multilateral system to help accelerate our shared goals,

eliminate threats to people and planet and make good on the promise we made in 2015. The promise, not only of a future we **want**, but of a future we **need**.