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Statement

by the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Asein Isaev at the Ministerial Segment of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

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Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

According to the “Sustainable Development Report 2023”, Kyrgyzstan has made significant progress in the implementation of the SDGs, ranking 45th among the 166 member states listed in the report. These results have been achieved by the tireless efforts of the Government and our international partners, especially UN agencies and programs.

The Government of Kyrgyzstan with the United Nations are working together to achieve sustainable development in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for 2023-2027 for Kyrgyzstan and its two-year Joint Work Plan.

The SDG goals are incorporated into all strategic documents on the country's development, including the National Development Strategy of Kyrgyzstan for 2018-2040, with a human-centered approach.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My country pays special attention to enhancing the role of climate and environmental factors in the implementation of the SDGs and make all efforts to contribute to the development of international cooperation in this area.

Kyrgyzstan initiated the "Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions" for 2023-2027 by adoption of the resolution last year, and we are grateful for the unanimous support of the UN Member States.

In order to support the implementation of the Five-Years Plan, together with the Mountain Partnership, a draft "Global Framework for Action in the Implementation of the Five-Years Plan" has been developed, which will be presented at the side event tomorrow on July 19th.

We invite all countries to participate in the event tomorrow, and thus jointly contribute to addressing today's global challenges that slow down the implementation of the SDGs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, the UN Secretary General has repeatedly invited international financial institutions to support developing countries on climate action and reduce the debt burden.

Last January the President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov made an appeal to international community on issues of ecology and green economy. The head of our state proposed to partner countries and international organizations a mechanism for exchanging external debt for green initiatives in order to jointly contribute to improving the environmental situation in the world.

The industrial and agricultural development of any country in one way or another damages the ecological situation in the world, and Kyrgyzstan is no exception. In my country, uranium mining is officially prohibited by law, despite great liquidity. This is done to avoid damage to the environment of the country and the region as a whole.

We believe that the implementation of the initiative of the President of Kyrgyzstan as a real contribution to the conservation of biodiversity, the development of a "green" economy, the solution of global climate problems, and the full achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

We propose the creation of a Trust Fund under the joint management of the Government and international donors. Joint management will ensure the transparency of the Fund's operations and the allocated funds.

It is critical to consider the proposals and positions of the UN Member States on the implementation of the SDGs, highlighted in this Ministerial segment, during the preparation of the SDG Summit in September and its Political Declaration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Concluding my statement, I would like to express the hope that together we will find solutions to today's challenges on the way to the full achievement of the SDGs under the leadership of the United Nations.

For its part, Kyrgyzstan will continue to work actively in this track in cooperation with international organizations, primarily the United Nations, in order to "leave no one behind."

I thank you.