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ECOSOC**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Viet Nam aligns itself with the statement made by Cuba and the Philippines, on behalf of the G77 and China and ASEAN, respectively.

Agenda 2030 represents the roadmap to a better future. However, as we approach the midpoint of its implementation, one thing is clear: we are not delivering progress towards the 17 SDGs at the necessary pace and scale. Fortunately, it still may



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be possible to achieve the SDGs by 2030, but only if we take urgent, scalable multi-stakeholder action to accelerate progress dramatically.

For Viet Nam, during the past 7 years, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs have been implemented nationwide with the participation of all stakeholders through National Action Plan for the implementation of the 2030 sustainable development agenda with the key theme “No one is left behind”.

Regarding SDGs implementation, we have made significant progress in many targets such as: eradicating poverty; providing clean water and hygiene toilets; providing access to quality education; achieving universal health coverage; developing industry, innovation and infrastructure; job creation and improved coverage of the social protection system; building peace, justice and



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strong institutions... Our progress has been highlighted in our second VNR presentation last week by the Minister of Planning and Investment.

However, like other countries, Viet Nam is facing big challenges in implementing and achieving SDGs by 2030, especially in dealing with global challenges, climate and environmental risks, pressure for fulfilling international commitments, financial resource, balancing between commitment and development, data for monitoring and reporting. Thus, it requires substantial domestic efforts, enhanced public and private investment and strengthening international cooperation.

From our national experience Viet Nam would like to make some proposals to accelerate the implementation of SDGs in the second half of the Decade as follow



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- Firstly, **countries should maintain a people-centered approach** with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders in realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Secondly, **stabilize macroeconomic fundamentals** and continue sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, mobilize and enhance efficient use of financial resources for sustainable development.

- Thirdly, **prioritizing investments in human capital, science and technology, innovation and infrastructure** as important means of implementation of the SDGs.

- Fourthly, **take solid actions to narrow the gap between current available data and the set of 232 global SDGs indicators** to ensure effective



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monitoring and assessment of progress and implementation.

Viet Nam commits to continue strengthening its role as a responsible member of the international community, actively contributing to joint efforts. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with all partners to realize the sustainable development goals for all by 2030.

I thank you for your kind attention./.