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## **2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum**

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to the United Nations in New York**

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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Representatives of the ECOSOC system,

The theme of this year's Partnership Forum "*Building back better from the coronavirus disease while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda*" allows us to reflect how we should design better social and economic policies. While rebuilding from the crisis, we have an opportunity to chart a new policy course and steer transformation towards better outcomes for the societies all around the world.

Apart from ideas and priorities for the work of the ECOSOC presented by France on behalf of the European Union - to which Poland fully aligns - I would also like to share with you a few remarks in my national capacity.

There are three ideas that our delegation would like to suggest as a general guidance for the work of the ECOSOC and its subsidiary machinery this year.

First of all, it is the principle of "Leaving No One Behind" which runs through the entire 2030 Agenda as an overarching principle. Faced with the extensive fall-out from the pandemic, especially as regards the damage done to the societal fabric: chasms between rich and poor, declining public trust in institution and human rights violations, we should strive to better steer our work towards the needs of the most vulnerable.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic Poland has designed social protection responses with a special emphasis on the most vulnerable groups. Bearing in mind the enormous burden that the pandemic imposes on developing countries, we have also intensified our development cooperation efforts guided by the principle of solidarity.

Secondly, we would like to draw your attention to the principle of policy coherence in light of the interconnected nature of the Sustainable Development Goals. The pandemic has undermined all global goals: from health and social affairs, through economy, to environment. When working on one dimension we should keep in mind how our activity affects other areas. Sustainable development as a concept, together with the SDGs as a compass, provides an integrated perspective to resolve the current crisis.

We would also like to emphasize the value of partnerships, which have to be nurtured. They allow for synergies of experiences, knowledge and good practices. They also facilitate global engagement of all stakeholders in support of the 2030 Agenda. At this point, let me praise the ECOSOC's role as a "convening power", bringing together Member States, a diverse system of the UN institutions, civil society, youth, private sector, and many others.

Finally, we believe that the vision set out by the Secretary General in "Our Common Agenda" may serve as the inspiration and impulse that we need at this moment in time, as it proposes a path forward centered around greater solidarity.

Poland looks forward to this year's High Level Political Forum and the global review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We are ready to be an active and engaged partner of the ECOSOC system on the road ahead. Thank you!