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"Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" Wednesday, 2 February 2022

Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China.

We wish to express our gratitude to the President of ECOSOC H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, for convening this important meeting and bringing together the Member States and all other key stakeholders to seize the opportunity and mobilize partnerships in support of the 2030 Agenda and its sustainable development goals.

Mr. Chair,

Unprecedented in its scale and impact, the COVID-19 that began as a health crisis quickly became the worst socio-economic crisis of our lifetimes.

While COVID-19 is reversing years of progress on the 2030 Agenda, international solidarity and partnerships are required more than ever to build back better.

According to SDG 17 implementing the 2030 Agenda at all levels needs the provision of means of implementation and a revitalized global partnership. To this end, further support is needed from developed countries, in particular on the transfer of technology, capacity building and financing to developing countries.

Furthermore, we must think about enhancing the effectiveness of partnerships, strengthening engagement of the business, and the role of the United Nations system in support of partnerships to bridge existing gaps, including in investment and infrastructure, as a means to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. Chair,

One of the Water Action Decade objectives that Tajikistan initiated is the furtherance of cooperation and partnerships at all levels to achieve internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those in the 2030 Agenda.

Today as we head to the first UN 2023 Water Conference after 50 years, the importance and effectiveness of Water Action Decade as a platform to build partnerships, improve cooperation, and capacity development becomes vivid.

In our opinion, overcoming the water-related challenges in the long term with available resources, technologies and knowledge are achievable if only we act/work together.

Mr. Chair,

Last but not least, building fair and reciprocal alliances is an important challenge for partnerships. Differences need to be recognized in order to understand the importance of building up an open dialogue, facilitating trustful relations and dealing mutual beneficial agreements. As former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said, "the partnership that works best are those with clear vision, effective internal governance structures, the commitment by all partners and trust among all involved".

I thank you!