

**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan
at the ECOSOC Partnership Forum
“Accelerating the recovery from COVID-19
and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels”**

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Madam President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentleman.

We commend President of ECOSOC Ambassador Stoeva for her vision of this Partnership Forum, and the Coordination Segment that follows. The policy messages of all stakeholders, together with DESA’s on-line exchange and General Assembly recommendations, will serve as valuable inputs for the 2023 High Level Political Forum and the SDG Summit. Each state is a significant contributor to this global process, and Kazakhstan is deeply committed to it.

Kazakhstan aims to go beyond the COVID-19 recovery effort and seek transformative strategies of financing for development, reducing poverty, supporting economic growth, and addressing food, water and energy insecurities. Likewise, prioritizing conflict prevention and mediation, combating extremism and violence, and countering climate change, are crucial for spanning the peace, security, development, and humanitarian pillars of the UN.

We see vast gaps in reaching targets due to severe fiscal shortfalls that many states experience. This calls for justice and equality between UN member states. Hence, we have to work towards a serious reform of the international financial architecture and cooperation in sharing resources and capacity and resilience building.

In this vein Kazakhstan established its official development agency in 2021.

As President of Kazakhstan Tokayev has stated, no nation can go along today, and has underscored the need for global empathy and compassion if we truly want peace and prosperity for people and the planet.

In this post-COVID phase, particularly, Kazakhstan advocates for effective primary health care to reach WHO's fundamental goal of Universal Health Care.

Additionally, the network of local structures set up in the country, provide equal voice for all, especially, women, youth and all vulnerable groups, together with the business, scientific, academic and media sectors, to implement our inclusive and people-centred national plan, “Kazakhstan Strategy 2050”.

Threats and challenges are also transnational. Kazakhstan is thus actively engaged in all Central Asian inter-governmental and other platforms, and will foster partnerships beyond the region, assisted by International financial institutions and predictable ODA.

We have thus proposed to establish the UN Regional Centre, comprising 18 UN representative offices with regional, sub-regional and multi-country mandates in Almaty, with the aim to integrate the SDG policies of all stakeholders in the region, together with the UN “Delivering as One” approach.

I thank you.