

**Republic of Zambia**



**STATEMENT**

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**Mr. President,**

I Thank you for giving me the floor.

At outset I wish to underscore the importance of strong commitments to global partnerships and cooperation, by the global community, if we are to get back on track and realise the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, against a backdrop of multiple global crises. The full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals at all levels, as highlighted in the theme of the 2023 High Level Political Forum, calls for multi-stakeholder engagements, including young people, civil society, academia, the United Nations systems and other non state actors in partnerships for sustainable development. Equally important is the integration of the private sector in pursuing practical solutions to the much-needed structural transformation in developing countries, and in particular least developed countries.

**Mr. President,**

Financing for developed remains a major challenge to the developing countries, especially for countries with special challenges and vulnerabilities. We recognise that, forging strong partnerships with the United Nations systems, our development partners and the international financial institutions is critical in accelerating recovery as well as the full implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda and to the provision of Official Development Assistance and concessional finance. However, the private sector as a key player in resource mobilisation can compliment partnerships in many ways as follows:

1. Financing and capacity enhancement for inclusive sustainable development and development of resilient infrastructure in transport, energy, agricultural and social sectors needed for economic growth;
2. Building of productive capacities and entrepreneurship, in order to be able to spur economic diversification;
3. Building resilience to climate change and other economic, social and environmental shocks;
4. Increased investments in ICT infrastructure for establishment of secure, reliable and efficient domestic market and to help significantly reduce trade costs and increase competitiveness on the international markets;

**Mr. President**

Partnerships in the framework of South-South and triangular cooperation, in particular partnerships for technology transfer, capacity building, infrastructure development and in information and communication technologies, are important for stimulating economic growth, building resilience and poverty reduction through job creation, fostering innovations, improved management techniques, and increased productivity.

**Mr. President,** In conclusion we underscore that one of the key recommendations in the report of the Secretary General on the Common Agenda is urgent action to protect and deliver global

commons and global public goods through a more networked, inclusive and effective multilateralism. It is only through enhanced global partnerships and development centred multi-stakeholder collaboration that we achieve this and bequeath a future that is livable by future generations.

**I thank you.**