

2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum
Plenary session: “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”

Statement delivered by Portugal

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- Thank you, Madam President, for giving me the floor.
- And thank you to the speakers for their insightful and heartfelt interventions. They are truly appreciated.
- We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Belgium on behalf of the EU and its Member States and would like to add the following in our national capacity.
- Excellencies,
- With six years to go until 2030, we must double efforts to accelerate progress on the achievement of the SDGs, keeping **multi-stakeholder partnerships at the center of the pursuit for sustainable development**.
- This is the spirit that informs Portugal’s **follow-up to its 2nd Voluntary National Review** and the implementation of its **2030 development cooperation strategy**.
- Indeed, following the presentation of a 2nd Voluntary National Review last July, Portugal is drafting a **National Roadmap for Sustainable Development 2030**.
- The preparation and implementation of this roadmap is built upon the lessons learned from the 2nd VNR, with enhanced SDG alignment and whole of government and society approaches at its heart.
- **Portugal’s 2030 Development Cooperation Strategy**, on the other hand, focuses on the promotion of **international partnerships in key areas for sustainable development**, such as, health, education and social protection, but also the environment and climate action, digital governance, and the triple nexus, among others – all of which in support of most vulnerable countries.

- These are built upon the ownership and leadership of partner countries, with a focus on results, inclusiveness, transparency and mutual accountability, as well as coherence of development policies.
- Madam President,
- To conclude, the involvement, mobilization, and diversification of stakeholders in our **partnerships must be actively pursued both at home and abroad**, as true progress in the achievement of the SDGs can only be achieved through **inclusive approaches**.
- You can count on us to continue working with this in mind.
- I thank you.