

**Speech of Mr. Ahmet Halit HATİP, General Director of EU and Foreign
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Türkiye, on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Technology, H.E.**

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(As Prepared)

**Madam Co-Chairs, Honorable Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished
Delegates,**

I am deeply honored to stand before you today, representing the Republic of Türkiye and delivering this address on behalf of H.E. Minister Mehmet Fatih KACIR, Minister of Industry and Technology. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the President of ECOSOC, H.E. Paula Narváez, and her esteemed team for their exemplary efforts in organizing this gathering.

At this pivotal juncture in history, we find ourselves confronted with unprecedented, complex, and global challenges. Yet, amidst these trials, science and technology emerge as beacons of hope, offering unparalleled opportunities to forge a path towards a sustainable, resilient, and innovative future for all, provided enough cooperation and collaboration is achieved.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Science serves as humanity's compass, guiding us towards a deeper understanding of our world and empowering us to develop technologies that mitigate environmental degradation, safeguard biodiversity, and promote responsible resource management. It furnishes us with a vast array of tools indispensable for constructing a more sustainable society.

Nevertheless, technological innovation alone cannot suffice. We must fortify our endeavors to ensure resilience in the face of inevitable adversities. This

necessitates the establishment of robust systems and infrastructures capable of withstanding shocks and rebounding with newfound vigor.

Esteemed participants,

True innovation transcends the mere resolution of existing challenges; it entails envisioning novel possibilities that inspire transformative change. By nurturing a culture of creativity, experimentation, and entrepreneurship, we unlock the boundless potential of science and technology to address systemic issues and foster inclusive growth and development.

Effectively harnessing science and technology to deliver sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions mandates a comprehensive approach. It demands the concerted efforts of diverse stakeholders, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and upholding ethical and equitable decision-making.

Here, we bear a collective responsibility in this endeavor. By uniting across sectors, borders, and disciplines, we can harness the catalytic power of science and technology to shape a future where prosperity is measured not solely by economic metrics but by the holistic well-being of both people and the planet.

Excellencies,

Türkiye highly prioritizes to integrate science and technology into its policies and practices for sustainable development. By strategically focusing on innovation and research, Türkiye has made significant progress in various sectors, ranging from renewable energy to healthcare.

In the field of renewable energy, Türkiye has undertaken ambitious projects to diversify its energy sources for energy resilience. By investing in solar, wind, and hydroelectric power, Türkiye has not only reduced its carbon footprint but also created new opportunities for economic growth and job creation.

In the industrial sector, Türkiye prioritizes and provides high level incentives for green transformation of its industry.

In the healthcare sector, Türkiye has embraced innovation to improve access to quality healthcare services for its citizens. Through programs such as e-health platforms, Türkiye has overcome geographical barriers and enhanced healthcare delivery in remote areas, demonstrating the transformative power of technology in advancing digital public infrastructure.

I would like to conclude my speech by stating that our country is ready to enhance the successful collaboration with the UN and other international organizations and countries in the field of STI in order to achieve sustainable development goals.

Thank you.