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At the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum
under the theme

**“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-
based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for
leaving no one behind”**

Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Mr. President,

1. **At the outset**, my delegation commends **your leadership** in convening the **2025 Partnership Forum** at this crucial juncture. As we reach the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is concerned that **less than 20%** of the targets are on track.
2. This stark reality underscores the **urgent need for decisive, innovative, and result-oriented global partnerships** to accelerate progress and ensure that no one is left behind. As we mark the 80th anniversary of the United Nations and ECOSOC, we must seize this momentum to reinforce international cooperation and translate the aspirations of **the Pact for the Future** into tangible actions that reinvigorate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President,

3. Looking ahead to the next phase of the **2025 ECOSOC cycle**, my delegation wishes to highlight two key priorities:
4. **First**, addressing the **significant SDG financing gap**, estimated at USD 4 trillion. Bridging this gap demands a coordinated and collective effort from all stakeholders. In this regard,
 - Cambodia underscores the need to reform the international financial architecture, fulfill ODA commitments, and leverage innovative financing mechanisms that effectively respond to the needs of all developing nations.
 - Cambodia fully supports the upcoming 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, recognizing it as a crucial platform to mobilize resources and forge strategic partnerships for the timely and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

5. **Second**, harnessing **digital transformation and emerging technologies**, particularly **artificial intelligence (AI)**, as a driver of sustainable development. While AI holds immense potential to accelerate SDG implementation, it is imperative that its benefits are equitably shared, and its risks are proactively managed. In this regard, Cambodia welcomes:

- The commitments outlined in the Global Digital Compact, including the establishment of a Multidisciplinary Panel on AI and a Global Dialogue on AI Governance. These initiatives must promote inclusive and ethical AI development, prioritizing the needs of all, especially the most vulnerable.
- The forthcoming ECOSOC Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation, presents a timely opportunity to assess progress, address gaps, and advance collective efforts to close the digital divide.

6. **In closing**, Cambodia stands ready to engage actively and constructively in ECOSOC's discussions and initiatives to transform our shared vision into concrete actions, expediting the full realization of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you for your attention!