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Mr President, Excellencies, Dear participants,

Czechia aligns itself with the EU statement and adds a few remarks in our national capacity.

We appreciate the Forum's role in bringing together experts from different sectors to exchange ideas and solutions for the 2030 Agenda.

2025 marks a 10-year milestone of the SDGs. At this point, available scientific knowledge indicates that **we are critically falling behind with their achievement due to numerous challenges.**

Partnerships are crucial for addressing these challenges. The Pact for the Future reinforces this view.

Czechia strongly supports the Pact's call for cooperation among governments, civil society, the private sector, youth and other stakeholders based on the UN Charter's principles. We do so **bilaterally as well as through our Team Europe approach and the Global Gateway.**

We reiterate the need to revitalize multilateralism in close cooperation with LDCs, especially LLDCs and SIDS.

Civil society organizations drive progress towards the 2030 Agenda at all levels through participatory decision making and by making strong institutions accountable. **That progress needs to be sustained by public-private partnerships.**

Mr President,

This year, the importance of **partnerships will echo throughout key events** such as the FfD4, World Social Summit, COP30 and of course the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

At the **Forum, I will have the honour to co-facilitate the Ministerial Declaration.** Together with my colleague Ambassador King of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines we look forward to an open dialogue. **At the same time, Czechia will present its third Voluntary National Review.**

Led by the Ministry of the Environment, **we have prioritized inclusive participation to ensure that Czechia's VNR will reflect diverse perspectives** and reinforce our commitment to the SDGs.

So far, we have organized roundtables with youth, media and experts on 2030 Agenda's international dimension. To further validate our findings, **we will conduct a nationwide survey.**

Additionally, **meetings of the Government Council for Sustainable Development provide an ongoing platform for dialogue with non-state stakeholders.**

By April, we aim to finalize the VNR report and produce a video presentation featuring voices from government, civil society, academia, the private sector, and local communities.

Engaging non-state actors in Czechia's VNR is central to our approach.

Mr President,

The 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum highlights the crucial role of science. **Strong partnerships are essential for transforming the scientific knowledge into action.** Today's Forum has served an excellent platform for that.

Thank you.

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