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Goals for leaving no one behind”.**

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Excellencies,
Mr. President,

Suriname aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Iraq on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and wishes to add the following in its national capacity.

The impact of the global challenges we are facing, clearly shows the need for enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for sustainable development in order to encourage and expand concrete actions to make the SDGs a reality in the lives of our people.

Addressing among others the impacts of climate change, global health crises, poverty, persistent conflicts, while ensuring descent work and economic growth, access to financing and fostering inclusive social development, remains imperative.

Mr. President,

Suriname has integrated the principles of the 2030 Agenda into its national policies, prioritizing inclusivity, sustainability, and capacity-building.

Through strategic collaborations, we are strengthening key sectors such as governance, education, agriculture, forestry and energy, to ensure long-term growth and resilience.

While significant progress has been made, new partnerships are being

explored to address key challenges, including economic diversification, capacity-building, and long-term sustainability.

With the presentation of its second Voluntary National Review (VNR) report this year, Suriname looks forward to sharing its achievements in implementing the SDGs and further strengthening of partnerships to accelerate progress.

In closing, ECOSOC plays a critical role in fostering international partnerships to advance sustainable development, economic growth and social progress, and we believe that enhancing its efforts in the following areas can improve its role:

- Promote synergies between ECOSOC, the General Assembly and specialized UN agencies to avoid duplication of efforts;
- Develop reporting frameworks to track the impact of international partnerships;
- Encourage best practice sharing among states;
- Utilize digital platforms to enhance collaboration, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives;
- Support technology transfer and innovation-driven partnerships, particularly for developing countries;
- Facilitate investment partnerships that mobilize private sector contributions toward sustainable development projects, and
- Mobilizing networks, including with philanthropic organizations and impact investors.

Thank you.