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Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly
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Mr. Chairman,

Brazil supports the request for granting observer status in the General Assembly to the International Chamber of Commerce. We have just extended our co-sponsorship for the draft resolution presented by France. I take this opportunity to further develop one point that has been raised by speakers before me: the crucial role of the private sector in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals was a transformational moment for the United Nations. To implement this universal agenda, we need to change behavior and reform institutions. We will also need to rely on a more varied set of financial resources and partnerships, involving a far greater diversity of actors than we have seen before with the Millennium Development Goals.

Governments continue to be the driving force behind these efforts, but they will need to be complemented with the support of private and business sectors. Civil society and business organizations often have knowledge of the needs at the national and local level, established cooperation with local partners and in depth understanding of the SDGs and their integrated nature.

In order to achieve this, we really need to see a change in how different actors engage with each other and with the UN. Above all, we need to build greater understanding and mutual trust. It is time to establish a win-win-win initiative between governments, private sector, UN and civil society. The implementation of our ambitious and SGDs depends on this. And let me highlight that, ultimately, the implementation of the Agenda will be the measure of the success of our joint endeavor.

Brazil is convinced that the ICC is uniquely well positioned to represent the business community in the General Assembly and that a decision to granting it observer status would be beneficial for us all.

Thank you.