

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaei,
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In the name of God

**Madam President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

At the outset, my delegation would like to associate itself with the statement delivered by the state of Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. I would also like to add some points in my national capacity.

We are here to scale up our efforts towards the implementation of Addis Agenda especially through addressing the challenges in the way of financing for development. We are meeting in an increasingly challenging global environment in which Multilateralism is under severe strain and the adoption of inward-looking policies and protectionist measures undermine the multilateral financing and trading system.

In this august forum and among various areas that should be duly touched upon, I would like to refer to the followings:

- 1- Financing for development should focus on channeling resources to poverty eradication as the overarching goal of the sustainable development agenda. In this context, any resources must be aligned with national priorities and development strategies of the countries taking into consideration different realities and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

- 2- The international community should adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of unilateral coercive economic, financial and trade measures and strongly urge all states to refrain from promulgating, applying or imposing any unilateral coercive measures including unlawful, unjust and illegal unilateral sanctions against developing countries that impede their full achievement of economic and social development.
- 3- international trade is an engine for inclusive economic growth. in this respect, the significance of a universal, rules-based, open, transparent, predictable, inclusive, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system cannot be over-emphasized. Here I would like to emphasize the importance of facilitating and accelerating the accession of developing countries to the World Trade Organization. It is evident that the accession process must solely be on technical, legal and non-political basis.
- 4- Eliminating the constraints on technology transfer to developing countries is vital for their sustainable development. We reiterate that enhancing capacity building in science, technology and innovation is essential for the progress of the developing countries in implementing SDGs.
- 5- We believe that the United Nations provides a unique and key forum for discussing international economic issues. It is evident that the United Nations and the international financial institutions have complementary mandates that make the coordination of their actions crucial.

Thank you