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Madam President
Excellencies and friends,

I express our appreciation to Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King President of ECOSOC and the staff of the Council and Secretariat for bringing together the UN, Member States, international organizations and other important partners to address the challenges of funding 2030 Agenda.

Persistent inequalities, deteriorating financial conditions, debt vulnerabilities, decreasing public and private investments in development infrastructure, climate change as well as escalating geopolitical tensions threaten to disrupt our development progress for today and tomorrow. They are today more formidable than when the Addis Ababa Action Agenda was adopted, and call for more urgent action to seek robust financing since only 11 years are left to reach the 2030 targets. The task is even more daunting in light of the huge financial gaps of \$ 6 billion annually, and the need to create 600 million decent jobs by 2030, the negative trend of increasing international trade protectionism, and bleak world macroeconomic prognoses. Likewise, it is also high time that we restructure the global financial system and associated institutions to make them more responsive to the interests and hopes of developing states, including their wider participation in global economic governance and decision-making processes.

Of great significance are the differential means of implementation, and for this reason we need to mobilize accelerated funding at all levels: North-South, South-South, Trilateral Cooperation and other modes. At the same time, we need cooperation at the national, regional and global level to combat corruption, illegal financial flows, money laundering and tax evasion which corrode the growth of economy and divert funds from development.

It is the responsibility of each Member State to make its contribution, and Kazakhstan like all others, has taken its steps through concrete funding, providing expertise and partnerships.

We see the greatest need for supporting the SIDS and therefore my country, together with ESCAP has supported biogas projects in 12 countries, and with UNDP launched partnerships with Ministries of Foreign Affairs of 45 African countries for capacity building to support the SDGs in their respective countries. Kazakhstan has led the way in promoting development in the LLDCs through the Almaty

Programme of Action in 2003, and now actively supports the Vienna Programme through trade related capacity building, promoting regional economic integration and inter-connectivity. Partnership for development can go fast forward through regional collaboration and Kazakhstan therefore has proposed the establishment of a Central Asian Regional Platform called, UN Inter-regional SDGs Modelling Centre.

Kazakhstan will thus engage fully to ensure new paradigms and outcomes by the world's leaders during the various high level summits in September.

I thank you.
