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Madame Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to address to you today, within the framework of the 2019 Forum on Financing for Development. Romania is aligning with the statement delivered by the European Union.

I will continue with some remarks in my national capacity. The Fourth ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development is an opportunity for all of us to take stock of the progress in the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Romania welcomes the increasingly substantive nature in which the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development is developing, with in-depth discussions and review of all Addis Ababa Action Agenda means of implementation, including ODA, domestic resource mobilization, private sector.

I warmly congratulate the co-facilitators, the distinguished Permanent Representatives of Italy and Zambia, for providing us with a substantive, balanced and concise outcome document of conclusions and recommendations of the Forum. Romania supports the adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a major reference point for effective multilateralism.

Romania expresses its appreciation for the third Inter-Agency Task Force Report, that provides a high-quality evidence-based review of the implementation of the Addis Agenda.

The world economy is in transition and 2018 has seen a slowing growth with tightening financial conditions, and also capital outflows from many of the emerging market economies. Geopolitical tensions weaken market confidence. Frontier technologies are restructuring the job market and challenge conventional social protection and growth policies. The discussions that are taking place this week have the dual task to review the Addis Agenda commitments and to forge consensus to advance further the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Strategy for financing the 2030 Agenda, launched in September 2018 by the UN Secretary General, sends a clear message that progress is too slow in aligning markets with sustainable development imperatives. We are all aware how a rising range of threats, such as debt distress, climate change, inequalities, national financing frameworks for the SDGs, are putting the 2030 Agenda in difficulty.

In the current context, we need national sustainable development strategies to bridge the SDG financing and implementation gap. We need peace, justice and strong institutions in order to deliver successful policy responses. Aligning investment and lending decisions with environmental, social and governance concerns is essential.

Despite the huge steps in the fight against poverty, inequality has increased around the world. Policy modifications can ensure fiscal and financial systems actively promote equality, particularly for women, youth and marginalized groups.

Conflicts are proliferating and climate change, food security, biodiversity loss and degradation of fresh water resources are becoming more urgent. Climate action and economic growth should be complementary. Mobilizing finance for climate action, including through investments in low-carbon growth is critical for achieving the SDGs. Romania stands firmly committed to the implementation of

the Paris Agreement internally and through international development cooperation towards more sustainable and resilient societies.

Achieving the 2030 Agenda requires public and private, domestic and international, financial and non-financial resources and means of implementation, as laid out in the Addis Agenda. The new National Strategy for Sustainable Development was officially launched in December 2018, after the presentation of the Voluntary National Review on the theme “Transformation towards a sustainable and resilient Romania”, at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum.

In order to make sure that we achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind, we need to mobilize all sorts of financial sources and partnerships. Through its Official Development Assistance, Romania aims to contribute to improve life opportunities for people across the world. Our own domestic efforts to mobilize all financial resources for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda have to go further, mobilizing the private sector to invest in the achievement of the SDGs.

You can always count on Romania to be an active partner for the implementation of the sustainable development agenda in the global context, preserving our planet and natural resources, our biodiversity and climate, and acknowledging the critical role of science, technology and innovation in achieving the SDGs, developing sustainable, affordable, accessible and resilient infrastructure, and exploring new instruments for mobilizing the resources required for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you for your attention.