

**Statement by the Delegation of Turkmenistan
General Debate
Financing for Development Forum**

**Dear Madam President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Turkmenistan aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished Minister, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine on behalf of Group 77 and China.

Further, I would add the following remarks at the national capacity.

Turkmenistan is committed to addressing the problem of financing sustainable development and creating an enabling environment for these at all levels in the spirit of global partnership. We acknowledge the important role of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in the follow-up process on financing for development, including through the creation of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development and the holding of annual forums on follow-up development measures.

We understand that there is a need to expand the range of financial instruments, including the application of innovative methods of mobilizing financial resources for sustainable development, including blended funding, combining public and private resources.

Turkmenistan has been already implementing a systemic modernization and structural reforms of its economy and diversification of its sectors aimed at fulfilling SDGs. Complex measures targeted to increase the efficiency of the national economy have been timely taken, which strengthen the competitiveness of different sectors of the economy, establish new workplaces.

Reforms, being implemented in fiscal, monetary, external economic and pricing areas, facilitate structural transformations and enable to ensure stability and sustainability of economic development in the country. In order to gain economic growth, Turkmenistan undertakes a stage-by-stage investing and innovative model which stimulates to enhance labour productivity, management efficiency, fixed assets renovation, infrastructure development, and new technology introduction.

Turkmenistan in the framework of the realization of the key principle of the global Sustainable Development Agenda for the period up to 2030 “leaving no one behind” implements national programs of socio-economic development, including the program for transforming the social conditions of the population of urban and rural areas for the period up to 2020.

Moreover, the Presidential mid-term program for the social and economic development of the country for the period of 2019–2025 has been recently adopted. The program envisages basic directions of an innovative and integrative approach taking into account recent dynamics in the world economy.

Wherein, the UN and its agencies are the main strategic partner of the Government of Turkmenistan in implementing SDGs. Starting from the outset Turkmenistan in close collaboration with the UN have been carrying out comprehensive and efficient work.

One of the recent examples is the International Conference on «Partnership for Development Financing at the Heart of the Great Silk Road» held in Ashgabat in June 2018 resulted in adoption wide-ranging outcome document.

Another cooperation, which is worth to mention is the preparation of the National Voluntary Review of Turkmenistan, which is to be presented at the High-Level Political Forum this year. UN agencies based in Turkmenistan, led by Office of Resident Coordinator, are fully engaged in this process.

Last, but not least, I would like to reiterate the readiness of the Government of Turkmenistan to consider to host next International Conference on Financing for Development, if a decision to hold it is taken by member states.

Thank you, madam President.