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**Opening remarks**

**Ministerial round tables at the High-level Conference on Financing for Development and the Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

**Doha, Qatar, 18 November 2017**

Your Excellency Dr. Al-Hamadi,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the ministerial round tables at the High-level Conference on Financing for Development and the Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the overall theme “*Sharing country experiences in mobilizing resources from public, private, domestic and international sources towards the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – policy and institutional innovations*”.

The round tables respond to the mandate of the Addis Agenda for the FfD follow-up process to promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national level. They build on the experience at the 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up and serve as a preview to the 2018 FfD Forum, which will further expand the opportunities for countries to present their experiences at ministerial round tables.

All four ministerial round tables at this Conference will bring together representatives from countries at different income and vulnerability levels to present their policy and institutional innovations. The innovations can be broad-based reforms or interventions targeting specific action areas of the Addis Agenda. This type of constructive dialogue is what will help us all to implement the Addis Agenda and achieve the SDGs.

With that, I would like to open the first ministerial round table and give the floor to Her Excellency, Mrs. Carmen Elena Falconi Vaca, National Secretary for Planning and Development of Ecuador.

Excellency, you have the floor.

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