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**High-level Conference on Financing for Development and the
Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development**

**From country initiatives to global advances – mobilizing
financing for sustainable development**

Elements of the intervention

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Your Excellency Ahmad Hassan Al Hamadi
Your Excellency Liu Zhenmin
Excellency's, ladies and gentlemen,

In the name of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela let me extend my gratitude to the Government of the of Qatar for hosting this Conference and DESA for its invaluable support in the organization of it.

For our country, in a world marked by uncertainty and threats of intervention against sovereign countries, the respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations is more necessary than ever. The challenges posed in the economic and social sphere that have an impact on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Abeba Action Plan, make the mobilization of resources of critical importance to contribute to the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions.

To assist in the development processes, it is imperative that there be an autonomous and sovereign management of natural resources, so that the countries are able to obtain directly the benefits of their exploitation, without the intermediation of the transnationals. In this way, they can count on the necessary resources to finance the development.

Likewise, the enactment and application of unilateral coercive measures of an economic, financial or commercial nature that are incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, such as those affecting our country, do not contribute to these efforts that are being made in the pursuit of economic and social development of the people affected by them. This is why the international community must take decisive action to contribute to their lifting.

Financing for development is increasingly scarce and at the same time more necessary than ever as a means to implement the 2030 Agenda. That is why it is necessary to transform and implement in a concrete, decisive and real manner the commitments assumed, in addition, in the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration and the Addis Ababa Agenda on Financing for Development.

Our country is a promoter and defender of South-South and triangular cooperation, as an instrument to achieve a more harmonious and balanced development, where PETROCARIBE is a clear example of how Venezuela has contributed to the peoples of the Caribbean by facilitating access to resources energy, through a new scheme of favorable, equitable and fair exchange between the countries of the Caribbean region.

Regarding the implementation of the SDGs, Venezuela made its Voluntary National Presentation in the High Level Political Forum in 2016. There, we explained how we aligned the historical, national, strategic and general objectives, as well as public policies established in its National Development Plan 2013-2019 with the 2030 Agenda, contemplating 96% of its national objectives linked to the SDGs.

In this regard, in these 2 years, Venezuela has aligned the annual operational planning for the 2018 fiscal year with the budgetary support for the SDGs and a whole government scheme in which the SDGs form a backbone of the revolutionary public policies.

Venezuela has a high-level body called the Council of Vice-Presidents comprised of the six Sector Vice-Presidents and headed by the country's Executive Vice-President. They meet regularly to analyze cross-sectoral and cross-cutting aspects of development policies that are applied under the National Development Plan 2013-2019.

In addition, the Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs accompanies the coordination of the Offices and competent agencies of the Central Administration with respect to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Executive Vice-Presidency of the Republic through the "National Council of Human Rights" also monitors the implementation of the objectives of the 2030 Agenda. Within the framework of the formulation of the Annual National Operational Plan and Budget 2018, it was included the alignment of operational and budgetary implementation with the SDGs and the Plan of the Homeland ("Plan de la Patria").

Finally, Venezuela reaffirms the need to join efforts among the States that lead to the establishment of agreements with a view to strengthening strategies in favor of the eradication of poverty and exclusion and its commitment to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Plan of Financing for Development.

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