

**Intervention of the State of Qatar**

**By**

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**At**

**The Closing Session of**

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

Your Excellency the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs,

Your Excellency the President of the Economic and Social Council,

Your Excellencies the Ambassadors and representatives of States and United Nations and international agencies,

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

At the conclusion of this meeting, I would like to renew the expression of the State of Qatar's pleasure in hosting this important meeting and express our satisfaction at the impressive results achieved during these two days of hard work and valuable discussions. I would like also to thank His Excellency the Under-Secretary-General, his team, all the participating States, representatives of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations and experts who have enriched the discussions reflected in the Doha Messages, as outlined in the closing statement by His Excellency the Under-Secretary-General. Such messages will be a new beginning to ensure the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the renewal by the States of their political will to mobilize resources at the national and international levels, thereby ensuring the participation of all States in making sure that no one is left behind.

Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

The continued support by the State of Qatar to the international efforts to achieve the objectives sought by the international community is based on its foreign policy that seeks serious and genuine participation in supporting the objectives of the United Nations in all their aspects. Doha is proud to be associated with many international and regional conferences and declarations. It has never hesitated to open its doors and the hearts of its people to be a platform for love, peace and reach out to the world. Here we are meeting today in Doha to complete a long process dating back decades, in which the State of Qatar has reiterated its commitment and adherence to international cooperation to meet current and emerging challenges. Similarly to the 2008 Doha Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Messages, announced by the Under-Secretary-General, will constitute an important milestone for they reflect the conclusions reached at this meeting, and will provide an input to the Financing for Development Forum, to be held next year, as well as to the High-level Political Forum.

In conclusion, we are honored by your choice of Doha to hold this meeting and by the wide and high-level participation for they reaffirm the trust in the commitment by the State of Qatar and in its role in strengthening international cooperation. The State of Qatar will continue this process while brushing aside the various attempts and pressures to prevent her openness to the world and her support to international multilateral action. Such pressures would only strengthen our resolve to fulfill our commitments, that the leadership of the State of Qatar is keen to implement, and to support the efforts of the United Nations in all fields.

I thank you again, Your Excellency the Under-Secretary-General for your valuable efforts, and I thank all participating representatives of States and international and governmental organizations. We look forward to seeing you in Doha in future occasions to promote the serious and fruitful process of international action.