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at the High-Level Interactive Dialogue with the United Nations
Secretary-General on OAS
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

We wish to thank Mr. Secretary-General for his comprehensive briefing.

ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment provides us with a valuable opportunity to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) and to outline our vision for the continuation of the United Nations (UN) reform.

Over the past years, significant strides have been made in aligning the activities of the UN system with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Increased synergies, coordination, and collaboration have enhanced the UN's ability to deliver integrated support to member states, leaving no one behind.

Allow me, Mr. Chair, to share some of Tajikistan's perspectives in this regard:

Firstly, in 2023, the Government of Tajikistan and the UN system begin implementation of the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for the period of 2023-2026, which is in full alignment with the SDGs and with the National Development Strategy of Tajikistan 2030, and countries development needs and priorities. Therefore, we are pleased to report that the QCPR's emphasis on national ownership, leadership, and priorities has resulted in more tailored and demand-driven UN interventions;

Secondly, on strengthening coordination and coherence: We must enhance the coordination mechanisms across UN entities, including at the country level, foster greater coherence in their policies and approaches, and eliminate duplication and fragmentation. By doing so, we can maximize the collective impact of UN operational activities for development.

Thirdly, we welcome strong emphasis on means of implementation in the report to advance the SDGs, in particular support provided to the countries in special situations, as we believe MOIs are key to attaining the 2030 Agenda. Collaborative action, innovative financing mechanisms, and the exchange of expertise will unlock new opportunities for sustainable development. For instance, Tajikistan made progress to roll out the Integrated National Financing Framework and believes it will help to catalyze the flow of development finance to achieve the goals of the NDS and SDGs.

Fourthly, on leveraging partnerships: We believe the UN should forge stronger partnerships with governments, civil society, the private sector, and other relevant stakeholders. The UN Development system should continue supporting countries to leverage robust partnerships with development partners, including IFI's and the private sector, to accelerate the attainment of SDGs. We want to see more engagements from UNCT in this area, in particular in attracting the private sector;

Lastly, on embracing technology and innovation: Rapid advancements in technology offer immense potential to accelerate progress towards the SDGs. The UN must embrace digital transformation, harnessing the power of artificial intelligence, big data, and other emerging technologies to address development challenges effectively.

Mr. Chair,

As we reflect on the achievements thus far, it is essential to look ahead and envision the continuation of the UN reform. The UN must remain adaptive and responsive to evolving global challenges and shifting geopolitical dynamics. Therefore, we, among other things, have supported OCA aimed at turbocharging the 2030 Agenda and making the Sustainable Development Goals real in the lives of people everywhere. Because halfway to 2030, we are far off track. We need a UN that is fit for purpose, capable of effectively addressing the multidimensional nature of today's development landscape.

I thank you!