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Portugal sees this inaugural meeting of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development as an important moment for a first revision of the progress made since the adoption of the Addis Agenda. It is also an opportunity to lay the foundations for a robust and comprehensive follow-up mechanism of the 2030 agenda.

We have reached a crucial moment for international development with the agreements in Addis Ababa and later in New York, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals. In Paris, we have also concluded a comprehensive global agreement on climate change, and we now have a wide set of indicators, which will be crucial to monitor progress in the implementation of the 2030 agenda.

The framework is set. Now it is the time to put all the agreed policy commitments and the key deliverables into action, in a comprehensive manner, working in partnership with the different stakeholders.

Chair, on behalf of the Portuguese Government, I would like to reiterate our strong commitment to contribute to a successful implementation of Addis and of the 2030 agenda commitments.

As far as Portugal is concerned, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in articulation with the Ministry of Planning and Infrastructures, will assume the overall coordination of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and of the Financing for Development process, which are both intrinsically linked, and ensuring articulation between its internal and external dimensions.

We have put in place a structured dialogue process in order to set up an institutional framework for the implementation and monitoring of these agendas, consigning specific roles and responsibilities to different ministries according to their mandates.

Since these agendas go far beyond the government sphere, a public consultation led by Portuguese civil society is also being put in place. This consultation will result in the adoption of a cross-sectoral national plan of action, with measures to be adopted by the civil society in support of the 2030 agenda national implementation.

This is also true for the UN Global Compact Portuguese network, which is strongly engaged with the financing for development process and the wider SDG agenda and has recently created a multi-stakeholder platform for a “SDG Alliance”, involving representatives from the private sector and other interested entities.

Portugal is also aligning its bilateral cooperation with partner countries with the commitments and approaches contained in the SDG and the Addis Agendas. In doing so, we will continue to concentrate our efforts on areas where we have a particular added value, such as education, health, training and capacity building, but also on new areas of intervention, such as energy efficiency, environment and the blue economy.

We are aware that public resources are limited and that the new development paradigm contained in the 2030 agenda requires different solutions and a more result-oriented approach. We are making efforts to establish new partnerships in the context of our development policy, including through increased collaboration with other donors, triangular cooperation and a closer work with the private sector.

Blending is a relevant mechanism to catalyse public resources and mobilize the private sector. Portugal will increasingly use this tool through our national Development Finance Institution, SOFID.

ODA is not enough to respond to the challenges of the 2030 agenda. Therefore, we welcome the efforts made to define the complementary measure of Total Official support for sustainable development (TOSSD) in an inclusive manner. This will be a key tool to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The DAC/OECD should, in our opinion, continue to forge the necessary bridges with the UN, in order to ensure that this tool is as universal as possible.

Thank you, Chair.