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Realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

Shared Responsibility to Recover Better from COVID-19
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Closing Remarks

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates and Participants,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our panelists and to all of you who have participated in our discussions today. Your contributions have been truly invaluable in providing key recommendations and solutions for integrated policies that can help countries recover better from COVID-19 and get back on track to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. I am encouraged and inspired by your vision and ideas to recover better and create a “new and better normal” post COVID-19, reflecting the ideals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. I will be sharing the action-oriented recommendations coming out of this Segment at the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development tomorrow.

Countries are at different stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, and are facing specific challenges and priorities in recovering and getting back on track for achieving the SDGs during the decade of action. The message, however, is clear: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change must remain our guiding frameworks. We must continue to build on the many interlinkages among the SDGs and targets to rebuild inclusive societies that are resilient in the face of future pandemics, climate-related events and other challenges. And

we must ensure that our responses prioritize the most marginalized and vulnerable groups, leaving no one behind.

The ECOSOC Integration Segment continues to be an important platform for amplifying the key messages and solutions coming from the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies as well as the broader United Nations system on the theme of ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum. I count on your continued engagement with the Council to ensure that we harness the expertise, analysis and policy recommendations coming out of the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies, as well as the United Nations system. We must strengthen and guide their collaboration and coordination to realize the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Thank you.