

HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2020

GENERAL DEBATE

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The delegation of Chile appreciates the efforts made to carry out this High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under the auspices of ECOSOC, in a global scenario as complex as the current one.

The Covid 19 Pandemic presents a global challenge in health, social and economic fields, which will require the contributions and participation of all actors and at all levels for the process of post-crisis recovery.

Although this scenario is adverse, at the same time it can become a unique opportunity for recovery strategies to be oriented towards inclusive and sustainable development that provides appropriate responses to the current demands of communities and the most vulnerable.

Our region is currently at the centre of this pandemic and it will result in one of the greatest recessions we have faced in almost 100 years. It is therefore essential that we work together to address this situation and to implement this ambitious and transformative agenda.

Chile believes that sustainable development that leaves no one behind cannot be achieved in isolation, and requires commitment from everyone. That is why our country is collecting and promoting not only public actions aimed at the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also the initiatives of civil society and the private sector, thus revealing the strategic importance of SDG 17 "Alliances to achieve the objectives", highlighted in our Second National Voluntary National Review Report of 2019.

Our country maintains its commitment to Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, and hopes to support the efforts through multiple actions such as the implementation of the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021; the integration of the Core Group that advocates for greater civil society participation in the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; and the collective momentum of the Alliance for the Eradication of Poverty. All of these seek to contribute to inclusive and sustainable development for all.

Finally, multilateralism today has a new opportunity to demonstrate that it is key to addressing global crises and that it is necessary to strengthen the system and our commitment to its fundamental structure, such as the United Nations. Only through international cooperation and working together can we make the 2020-2030 decade effectively a decade of action.

Thank you very much.

