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**THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC  
REMARKS AT THE ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM**

**ROUND TABLE:  
"THE ROLE OF G-GLOBAL IN PROMOTING GLOBAL INITIATIVES FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"**

**Astana, 16 June 2017**

Excellences,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to address this distinguished audience on the occasion of the Astana Economic Forum and to participate in this round table on the role of G-Global in promoting global initiatives for sustainable development.

As you know the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development declares that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement to achieve sustainable development.

The 2030 Agenda envisions a world free of hunger and disease. It pursues a world with universal access to quality education, health care, and clean and safe water and sanitation. Furthermore, the Agenda is a road map



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to achieve prosperity and economic growth with jobs for everyone and a world where we take decisive action to safeguard a sustainable future for the generations to come.

I believe that G-Global is indeed an important mechanism in advancing this vision for the following reasons:

- It provides support to essential global objectives necessary to achieve sustainable development;
- It represents a major platform for a universal dialogue with all stakeholders to tackle the major obstacles and challenges affecting the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;
- It supports innovative solutions to overcome economic and financial crises by promoting global discussions on the critical issues; and
- It promotes partnership initiatives. We can make decisive progress only if we act together. Partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources are indispensable to the successful implementation of our collective development goals.

Effective delivery on the 2030 Agenda will only come on the back of a change of mindset and a complete transformation of the way we currently do business. We will have to force ourselves out of our comfort zones and work together to break down silos and coordinate across ministries, agencies, sectors, disciplines, as well as among local, provincial and central



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government levels. This is the only way we can integrate our efforts and maximise on interlinkages to secure important synergies. That will require strong sustained leadership at the global and national levels and commitments from governments, business and civil society. G-Global is providing strong support in this direction.

With initiatives such as the G-Global we can achieve the 2030 Agenda and its 17 sustainable development goals as well as all related targets.

Together we can make it happen.

Thank you.



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