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Madame President,

Honourable Ministers,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I have the honour to speak at the third Forum on Financing for Development. This meeting of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development is an opportunity to assess the progress done in implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.
- Romania aligns itself with the Statement presented on behalf of the EU and its Member States. I will continue now highlighting some elements in my national capacity.
- I want to express my sincere congratulations to the co-facilitators, the distinguished Permanent Representatives of Portugal and Jamaica for their tireless efforts to provide a substantive, balanced and succinct outcome document of the conclusions and recommendations of the Forum. Romania supports the adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.
- Romania welcomes the second Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) report. The 2018 report provides a solid basis for a joint fact-based review of the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA).
- The 2018 IATF Report assesses progress and gaps and examines new ways to mobilize resources to respond to the challenges in financing the SDGs, including SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation for all, SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy for all, SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities, SDG 12 on responsible consumption and production, SDG 15 on life on land and SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals. These six SDGs will be reviewed at the 2018 High-level Political Forum (HLPF), in July.
- Romania will submit its Voluntary National Review during the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development in July 2018.
- The Sustainable Development Goals, supported by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, provide us with an ambitious framework to address the challenges of our time and achieve long-term sustainable development.
- The Addis Ababa Action Agenda sets out a range of means, domestic and international, public and private, to reach the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure we "leave no one behind".
- Non-financial means of implementation – good policies – should enable the domestic and international environment to promote gender equality, domestic revenue mobilization, private sector investment and trade.
- Romania attaches greatest importance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development together with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and all the other relevant documents, including the Paris Agreement on climate change. We are committed to the achievement of the European Consensus on Development, that aligns the European development policy with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

- Romania welcomes the commitment of the Secretary General to increase the efficiency of the UN Development system. The UN development system is at a “critical juncture” where important decisions will need to be made for the Organization to effectively support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- To ensure national coherence, the Department for Sustainable Development, placed within the Office of the Prime-minister, coordinates both the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy for Sustainable Development and of the 2030 Agenda.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinates Romania’s development cooperation policy and humanitarian aid. The legal act adopted in 2016 regarding the national development cooperation policy regulates the development cooperation and humanitarian aid activities financed from Romanian public funds. The Romanian Development Agency (RoAid) was established in 2016 and is mandated to implement the international development cooperation and humanitarian aid policies. The Agency is operational since November 2017.
- To encourage the engagement of private sector in the development policy, a network of Romanian business leaders working together to advance local and global sustainability (UN Global Compact Network Romania) was launched on 15 May 2015.
- The members comprises the Corporate Social Responsibility Agency in Romania, representatives from the business community, non-governmental organizations and academia, all committed to: respecting human rights; promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls; improving labor conditions; environmental protection and climate action; anti-corruption.
- You may always count on Romania to be an active partner for the implementation of the sustainable development agenda in the global context, preserving our planet and natural resources, our biodiversity and our climate, acknowledging the critical role of science, technology and innovation in achieving the SDGs, developing sustainable, affordable, accessible and resilient infrastructure, and exploring new instrument for mobilizing the resources for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank for your attention.