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STATEMENT

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Mr. President
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Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me express the **support of the Slovak Republic for efforts to enhance the discussions** on one of the most crucial topics for the United Nations, for all Member States, but above all for every single human being living on our Planet.

I would like to **align my statement with the statement of the European Union** as presented earlier.

Discussions **how to achieve Millennium goals** by the 2015 and how to define post-2015 sustainable and development agenda including **important issue of effective, transparent and sufficient financing** should be a focal point of our efforts in forthcoming months and years.

Time is not our ally, neither global trends on the Planet, regardless if they are man-made or results of natural cycle.

Achieving sustainable development is a great challenge for this century. Efforts to address the three pillars of the development – economic, social and environmental – should **take into account global challenges and local needs and possibilities** in one set of goals.

The success of sustainable development will depend on **UN coherence and accountability**. Global partnerships and **strong political leadership** are needed in the context of achieving sustainable development in the frame of post-2015 development agenda.

The Rio+20 Summit underscored the **need for creative approaches** to global financing for sustainable development. This complex topic is now being considered by a special ***Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing***. I am pleased to represent my country in this committee which began its work at the end of August 2013.

As a result of economic crises the resources for development are limited. It is clear that **public resources alone are not sufficient** for achieving sustainable goals. This situation requires more innovative, more creative, more open minded approach from every single actor/stakeholder.

We have to draw our attention to **new forms of financing** including global as well as private funds. We have to discuss more seriously the potential of carbon taxes, solidarity levy on air tickets, solidarity tobacco contribution, voluntary contributions, debt conversions, trade issues.

One of innovative ways of development funding is **blending of resources**.

Development assistance will continue to be vital. In order to mobilize large-scale financing for development, we need more than ever **innovative public-private**

partnerships. We have to give more support to the idea of **private sector involvement** in a development agenda - domestically, regionally and internationally.

On one hand the **governments** of developing countries may contribute to our efforts by creating conditions for domestic **development and growth**, stabilizing economies, supporting small and medium-sized companies. On the other hand **private actors** – domestic and international - are **crucial in creating more jobs** as well as assisting in **transfers of new technologies** to developing countries.

Sustainable development will require the **leadership of international and multinational corporations**. Their economic and political influence and potential to speed the sustainable development could be essential.

The **developing countries** are capable to take responsibility for their future and for mobilizing funds. They are capable of defining their needs, so the **national ownership of processes can be secured**. What we need to do is to deepen dialogue between donors and recipients, to tailor global needs to local conditions, to help countries in transition in building their capacities.

You may ask: What can a small country like Slovakia do?

From recipient of development assistance **Slovakia turned to a donor**. Small and humble, but **willing to bear our part of responsibility for global developments**. We provide development assistance since 2003. Over last 20 years we underwent several transition periods during which we have learnt how important it is to rely on our own resources combined with foreign aid. We have learnt that knowledge sharing is one of the most effective instruments that may serve the needs of any country going through political and economic transition and transformation.

Global trends in demography, migration, climate, economy are affecting every single country, every single nation, every single human individual. No one is left. And **no one should be left out** from definition, adoption and implementation of measures that should make our Planet a nice place to live in 21st century and beyond.

I thank you for your attention.