

**Statement by HE Ambassador Carlos Duarte
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Mr. President, Honorable Ministers,

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I express the Brazilian Delegation's alignment with the statement delivered by Thailand on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Allow me also to thank the Co-facilitators, Ambassadors Vladimir Drobnyak, from Croatia, and Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou, from Benin, for their dedication to the negotiation of the outcome document.

Mr. President,

Less than one year ago in Ethiopia, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development launched the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, a long-expected, major accomplishment, that culminated a 14 year journey begun in Monterrey and continued in Doha.

This is also the first High Level meeting on development issues after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. It constitutes a fundamental opportunity to recommend concrete measures to kickstart the implementation of the sustainable development goals. This is especially relevant, since the Conference on Financing for Development was the only UN major Conference with no follow-up mechanism until today.

We are sure today's meeting, and the editions to come, will be crucial for the implementation of the Addis Ababa Agenda by promoting greater transparency, coherence and participation in its follow-up process. The debates and outcomes achieved here can also help consolidate a successful path towards the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July.

Mr. President,

The transition of the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals will require more actors and sources of financing, including greater involvement from civil society as well as the private sector. We underline the differentiated responsibilities of developing and developed member States.

In this regard, we call on OECD DAC members to urgently fulfill their respective ODA commitments. We also call on developing countries to step up their cooperative efforts, in accordance with the principles of South-South Cooperation, as enshrined in the Nairobi Declaration.

Mr. President,

Among the main results achieved in Adis Ababa, we call particular attention to the strengthening of the Committee on International Tax Matters, as well as the launch of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism. Brazil welcomes both initiatives and will actively engage for their successful implementation.

The Addis Agenda has recognized that fiscal discipline and domestic resource mobilization are essential for the

achievement of sustainable development and the SDG's. Resource mobilization can only be enhanced, however, with greater international cooperation, in particular to combat illicit financial flows, tax evasion and profit shifting.

In parallel, the long lasting effects of the 2008 global economic and financial have continued to affect member States, underscoring the importance of collective action to address the shortcomings and inequities of the international financial architecture.

The technology facilitation mechanism will set the stage for increased cooperation in capacity building, a vital element of increased ownership of developing countries of their path to development.

Mr. President,

The agreements reached in 2015 on Financing for Development, sustainable development and climate change have reaffirmed the promise and the raison d`etre of multilateralism. The frameworks provided by these documents have provided the international community with a detailed blueprint to transform our world and address some of the main challenges that face our societies. Brazil is committed to this process and firmly believes in the central role of the UN in supporting the implementation of these agendas. This forum is one of the avenues to achieve it.

Mr President,

Today's Forum will precede, this week, the High Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the SDGs, on the 21st, and the Signing ceremony of Paris Agreement on Climate Change on the 22nd April. These events are of particular importance for sustainable development. Let us make the most of them.

Thank you and I wish you a fruitful Forum.

