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Welcoming remarks: Ambassador Estefanía Laterza, National Coordinator SDG Commission Paraguay

Allow me first to welcome you to this side event.

Pandemic is still harming our economies, our health, our people, especially those who are far behind.

It is challenging our plan for a better world. It is testing the 2030 Agenda, kidnapping our attention, taking away the focus from old problems and traditional weaknesses that undermine our people’s comfort and well-being.

At the same time, it reveals how failure to build on resilience in past times led to fragile institutions incapable of providing appropriate answers to all sectors in need, particularly, in developing countries.

If SDGs would have been reality instead of aspirational goals by now, our chances to fight COVID 19, prevent it from attaining our population and bounce back in the post pandemic scenario, would be much stronger.

Hence, our answer to the present crisis is refocusing on the 2030 Agenda, finding innovative solutions for the immediate future.

2030 Agenda is more necessary than ever, for it will help us all build resilience and address future threats, including those related to climate change.



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The High-Level Political Forum of 2020, is our way to say we still believe in global goals and we are still committed to them.

Because despite progress, billions of people still lack safe water, sanitation and handwashing facilities. Because regardless what we've accomplish so far, cheap, clean and sustainable energy is not available for everyone.

Achieving goals under SDGs 6 and 7 require investments, commitment and inter-sectoral collaboration. In this spirit, in Paraguay, a state-owned enterprise called ITAIPU, chose to lead several innovative projects in the fields of water sanitation and renewable energy supply.

ITAIPU is Paraguay's hope for a sustainable future.

Therefore, the SDG's Paraguay Commission is working hand in hand with ITAIPU BINACIONAL in order to launch integrated water and energy solutions, as mandated by SDG 17.

This event is intended to build in that way.

I thank you all for your contributions and participation