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**MESSAGE FOR OPENING OF THE “REIMAGINE THE UN TOGETHER
INNOVATION CHALLENGE - DRAGONS' DEN”**

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It is a pleasure to greet all the colleagues taking part in the “Reimagine the UN Together Innovation Challenge”.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult period for us all. It has also been a catalyst for change, bringing about a willingness to embrace new ways of thinking and to transform our ways of working.

The Reimagine Challenge demonstrates the importance of giving United Nations staff time and space to experiment and work on ideas they feel passionate about, unleashing creativity to deliver on our mandates for the people we serve.

The individuals, teams, mentors and organizers who have participated in this Challenge embody the United Nations System we aim to build: one that values the commitment of its people, that is open to trying new things, and that together reimagines how we can recover better and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

I thank everyone involved and look forward to seeing the collaboration continue and the innovative ideas come to life.