

## **2021 SDG Moment**

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### **CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

Mr. Secretary-General,

Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With less than nine years to 2030, we have to ask ourselves:

Are we on track?

Have we come far enough?

I think we can all agree. The answer is no.

We have a long way to go. And we need to do more to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In other words: This decade of action – needs more action!

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Fulfilling our Goals can seem like an impossible task.

But in Denmark, we are ready to do just that.

A green future is a better future.

With S-D-G 7, we aim to ensure access to clean energy for all.

A green energy transition will not only address climate change and save the planet, as we know it.

It will also create millions of jobs.

And provide future generations with better lives, stronger societies and a future to believe in.

Denmark has established energy collaboration with 19 developing countries and emerging economies.

And we co-lead an international public-private partnership to foster carbon-free shipping in Mission Innovation.

We are eager to learn from these engagements. Share our experiences. And inspire other countries to follow.

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The pandemic has shown us, that we are closely linked together. That local events can have global impact.

That is why we need a strong multilateral system. And political leadership from Member States.

In Denmark, we lead by example. We have increased our global climate ambitions.

Recently, we decided to dedicate at least 60 percent of our grant-based climate finance to adaptation. Focusing on the poorest and most vulnerable countries.

We also strongly champion human rights, gender equality, and peace and security.

And we are one of the few countries that meet the target of contributing at least 0.7 per cent of our GNI to Official Development Assistance.

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Denmark is committed to action. It is reflected in the national S-D-G action plan.

And we continue to present new initiatives that will bring Denmark closer to realizing the S-D-Gs.

With a focus on green investment, sustainable value chains and labour rights.

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Let me conclude by thanking the Secretary-General for his leadership on the S-D-G's.

It is more important than ever.

You can count on Denmark's continued commitment.

Thank you.