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Statement by Italy

To be delivered by H.E. Ambassador Agostino Palese

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Madame/Mr Chair,

Excellencies,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add the following considerations on national capacity.

This PrepCom is the first, crucial, occasion to deepen our collective reflection on the magnitude and urgency of the SDGs financing challenge and on the means to tackle it.

Political leadership is key to advancing the financing for development agenda and ensuring coherence of global action.

In its capacity of G7 Presidency, Italy proudly joined this June the SDGs Stimulus Leaders Group launched by the UN Secretary General.

At the same time, financing the SDGs today means pooling together funds from all sources: public and private, national and international. Italy is scaling-up this approach, devoting key additional resources from different channels, such as the Italian Climate Fund, notably with focus in Africa, in line with our Mattei Plan.

During the G7 leaders meeting convened in Apulia last June at the presence of Mr Guterres and the heads of IMF, the World Bank and the African Development Bank. Financing for development was prominently addressed by the Leaders.

The leaders committed to coordinate in order to enhance the international financial architecture and its instruments, notably starting from empowering Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and expediting reforms to better integrate global challenges into development goals.

One milestone of such reform is the implementation of the Capital Adequacy Framework (CAF) Review, a key and successful deliverable that Italy launched during the G20 Italian Presidency in 2021, which has already secured over 200 billion USD of additional lending for the next ten years.

The G7 continued to provide impetus to this debate and underscored the critical role that the CAF Review will continue to play in increasing MDBs' financing capacity, including by boosting World Bank's lending by 70 billion dollars over the next decade, with Italy contributing with 100 million euros.

The G7 also reaffirmed the importance of providing significant concessional support to low-income countries and supporting a successful replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA21) and the African Development Bank (AfDF17) next year.

In addition, as G7 presidency Italy is liaising with the Brazilian G20 Presidency to consider initiatives for early support of countries not yet in debt distress, under a multidimensional approach comprising domestic resource mobilization, IMF/MDB net financing, additional financing from bilateral sources and, when needed, creditor coordination, tailored to country needs. Currently, no such mechanism exists, but as an innovative approach, we are discussing proposals to test it in reform-oriented pilot countries, in coordination with the IFIs.

We are committed to make sure that all these efforts sustain each other and go in the direction of strengthening global action for financing the SDGs.

Thank you.