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(Deputy UN Secretary-General),

Madam/ Mister Chairperson,

Distinguished Delegates,

Poland aligns with the EU Statement.

Our country remains fully committed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals – internally and globally. We support actions to ensure the stability and predictability in financing the UN Development System.

Yet, we cannot overlook the global shocks that hinder the pursuit of the Agenda, including the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic or repercussions of the military conflicts such as Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

These affect primarily low- and middle-income countries.

In addition, as we meet in Addis Ababa, we cannot but stress the impact of climate crisis.

As a member of prep-com bureau Poland believes we should make most of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development.

We also believe our discussion on how to ensure a tangible outcome of the upcoming Conference and accelerate the SDG implementation should highlight the question of building resilience.

The resilience of our economies, societies, information systems, and ecosystems to crises that may occur.

The support for the economic growth needs to go hand in hand with strengthening democratic and transparent institutions, building the efficiency of the tax systems as well as investing in people – including through quality education – available for all regardless of sex.

We also need to address the rising debt levels around the world. Domestically and internationally.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Poland is actively engaged in development assistance.

Last year we allocated over 2,6 billion dollars for Official Development Assistance - 0.34 percent of our GNI. We exceeded the 0.33 percent ODA/GNI target.

We continued to support specialised organisations and international funds, in particular of the UN system.

We focused on democratisation, disaster risk reduction, peace-building activities and bridging inequalities.

This year we increased our support for the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Poland's efforts to accelerate the 2030 Agenda are further amplified through our presence in ECOSOC.

Ladies in Gentlemen,

Sustainable development calls for the compliance with international obligations, effective multilateralism and partnerships. It calls for full empowerment of women. It calls for international solidarity.

This is why our motto in ECOSOC is developing in solidarity.

Solidarity, which is also an investment - an investment in a peaceful, prosperous future in all parts of the globe.

Thank you.