

TURKMENISTAN

Esteemed Mr. President!

Esteemed Mr. Secretary General!

Esteemed Head and Members of the Delegations!

The present Summit on Sustainable Development is taking place in the year of the seventieth anniversary since the establishment of the United Nations Organization which gives it a special significance.

15 years have passed since the world leaders have for the first time determined the international agenda in the sphere of development and created an international mechanism of interaction aimed at solving the most pressing issues of the modern time.

1. Today we can state with confidence that the achievement in implementing the Millennium Development Goals will serve as a solid basis for our joint actions in the coming 15 years. In addition to this we must achieve the goals that are still pending.

In this context the world community of nations needs a new global strategy based on present day realities and oriented towards long-term prospects. Post-2015 Development Agenda presented for approval at the present Summit is indeed a strategy of this kind.

Turkmenistan fully supports this document and calls for its adoption.

2. It is our firm belief that the new agenda set out in 17 global objectives and 169 tasks reflects the main approaches to the solution of development challenges that are facing mankind today. Its main feature is the expressed determination of the international community to achieve sustainable development in a balanced and complex manner in all of its three components: economic, social and environmental.

I am convinced that in view of the above mentioned factors precise and concerted work of the international community in implementing the economic component of sustainable development will facilitate in many ways the achievement of such goals as universal access to cheap, reliable and modern energy

supply, stable economic growth and full employment, creation of flexible infrastructure and promotion of innovation.

All this will eventually enable us to provide sustainable models of production and consumption and reduce inequalities within and among countries.

There is no doubt that achievement of those goals is linked to further improvement of the existing partnership mechanism.

3. In this connection I believe that it would be advisable to consider at one of the forthcoming meetings of the UN Economic and Social Council the establishment of a new global coordination mechanism for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Turkmenistan stands ready to submit appropriate specific proposals.

4. I also believe that in the context of the implementation of Development Goals it would be proper to invigorate the work of UN regional commissions in this regard/

Esteemed ladies and gentlemen!

One of the main features of the Post-2015 Agenda is its strong social orientation. It is not accidental that social issues stand at the forefront of the Sustainable Development Goals. Their practical implementation is linked to the enhancement of the effectiveness of targeted and substantive work of UN member states as well as international structures that are directly responsible for the achievement of global objectives.

5. Thus, it will be necessary to harmonize joint actions of countries with the work of such entities as the United Nations Development Programme, Food and Agricultural Organization and World Food Organization in order to achieve the goals of eliminating poverty and combatting hunger, ensuring food security and improving nutrition.

6. In this connection we propose that the 70-th session of the General Assembly consider the possibility of convening a high-level Food Forum. We express our readiness to work with all interested parties to this end.

7. Problems concerning a healthy way of life occupy a most important place among social issues. In this connection building closer partnerships between UN

member states and the World Health Organization and other international organizations will become the foundation for achieving high results in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

8. The new international Agenda should include issues of comprehensive, just and quality education among its top priorities.

It is our profound conviction that the United Nations should actively promote the implementation process by developing a broad international dialogue, introducing new national, regional and global programmes in the field of education.

Turkmenistan is prepared – in close cooperation with appropriate UN structures – to develop most active and constructive cooperation in the field of education. We consider UNDP, UNESCO and UNICEF as our major partners.

9. Gender equality is the key element of the global development strategy. We set a lofty goal before ourselves – to achieve full gender equality and empower all women and girls. Fulfilment of this goal is our common duty and shared responsibility.

In this connection we welcome the initiative of the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon to hold a summit of world leaders on gender equality in New York on September 27 this year.

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10. By adopting the Sustainable Development Goals as a programme of our joint efforts for the forthcoming 15 years we are aware that social and economic development of states and peoples of the planet cannot be achieved without solving the climate change and environment problems.

In this context we welcome the efforts of the United Nations and its Secretary General aimed at finding effective measures for reducing global environmental risks/ UN Summits and international conferences convened over the past few years have made a substantial contribution to the solution of the problems relating to the protection of the environment in the world.

11. In early December this year we will have to adopt important decisions that will have momentous significance for the entire world at the Conference of the Parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Paris.

Turkmenistan stands ready to support the signing of an International agreement on climate issues and will actively advance this idea during the time left before the Conference. Furthermore I would like to recall that our country officially stated its concept with respect to the strengthening of international environmental cooperation and has submitted a number of specific proposals at various conferences. .

12. The initiative regarding the establishment - in cooperation with the United Nations - of a Regional Climate Change Center for Central Asian states is among those initiatives. Being committed to the implementation of this idea, Turkmenistan is ready to undertake together with UNDP steps towards the establishment of this Center in Ashgabat.

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13. The year 2015 год is a special year in the life of Turkmenistan and its people. This year we mark the 20-th anniversary since the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution on the international recognition of Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality. The past period has most vividly demonstrated the effectiveness of foreign policy of neutrality pursued by our country and its correspondence to the long-term interests of the international community. This is confirmed by the fact that on June 3 2015 the General Assemble adopted a new resolution dedicated to Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality.

Availing of this opportunity I would like to express on behalf of the people of Turkmenistan our profound gratitude to all member states of the United Nation for the firm and unwavering support of our country's neutral status.

14. An International Forum dedicated to the issues of neutrality, peace and development will be held in the capital of Turkmenistan, the City of Ashgabat, on December 12 2015.

Allow me to renew from this high podium an invitation to the heads of state or government of UN member states to visit our country during this period and take part in the celebrations on the occasion of Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality.

15. In conclusion, I would like to specially emphasize that Turkmenistan will continue to develop close international cooperation in the name of upholding the lofty ideals of peace and justice and fulfilment of the goals and purposes of the United Nations Organization.

Thank you!