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of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to express my sincerest congratulations to you, on your election as President of the General Assembly of the United Nations for the 70th Session.

We meet today at the summit level to adopt an important historical document on Sustainable Development in its three dimensions - economic, social, and environmental. It is plan of action of the people, for the people and by the people. We proceed today from the document of Rio +20, entitled "The Future We Want," published in 2012, and build on the Millennium Development Goals, which started back in 2000. Our plan is bigger, and more comprehensive in terms of the number of goals and targets, and even broader in terms of areas and concerns.

Mr. President,

To transform words into actions, and plans into achievements, we must ensure in general the following:

1. The implementation of the Agenda for Sustainable Development will not be achieved without active mechanisms for implementation. It comes in the forefront of providing the necessary funding, which includes the commitment of developed countries with its obligations in the framework of official assistance, by creating genuine partnerships, and activating the private sector and other means underscored in the outcome document on financing for development issued in Addis Ababa in July of this year.
2. Affirmation on the right to development, the transfer of technology, capacity-building, coordination and international cooperation.
3. Respect of the sovereignty of nations, their religions and cultures, and their national priorities, and not to impose non-universally agreed concepts, under any name whatsoever. These should be considered during the development of the indicators for measuring achievement in 2016.
4. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is based on the principle of leaving no one behind. However, the Palestinian people are still living under foreign occupation and siege, and are deprived of their legitimate rights. How then, could we aspire to achieve sustainable and comprehensive development when the Palestinian people live in such conditions?
5. To implement the 2030 Development Agenda, we may eventually encounter many challenges, significantly, the security challenge. There can be no development without security and no security without development. This is why we, as an international community, must cooperate to address the threat of rampant terrorism all over the world and address its roots and causes rather than focusing solely on its manifestations, and that should be through multi-dimensional levels including economic, political, cultural, social, and security measures.

Mr. President,

Libya has made great efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and has tried to integrate them into its development plans. Nonetheless, the country's political instability and insecurity hinders the implementation. The Libyan Authorities look forward to restore security and stability in the country and the return of the government to its capital, Tripoli, in order to resume its work and ably develop a long-term national plan that is consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the framework of its religious and cultural specificities and national priorities. We hope to receive assistance from sisterly and friendly countries in supporting Libya's effort to restore stability towards its march to democracy and further support the Government in rebuilding and activating the institutions starting mainly with the security and military institutions.

Mr. President,

I would also like to emphasize the reservations of Libya on some of the goals, targets and interpretations in some of the concepts contained in this document. I humbly request, that those reservations and interpretations should be considered as an essential part of Libya's position with regard to the document of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, allow me to appeal to the countries to where the Libyan assets were smuggled from Libya during the period of the former regime, to assist in revealing and urgently recovering these assets which solely and rightfully belong to the Libyan people. Libya could greatly benefit from these assets to finance its development plans and rehabilitate its infrastructures.

Thank you, Mr. President