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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

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Thank you, Mister President.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights are two landmark instruments that together form the cornerstone of the international human rights framework.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of these important documents, we reaffirm that all human beings are entitled to enjoy civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights without discrimination. These commitments remain as relevant today as they were sixty years ago. Nevertheless, human rights norms are increasingly being challenged and too often disregarded. Now more than ever, their full implementation requires renewed commitment and action.

Moreover, sustainable, predictable and sufficient funding for treaty bodies, special procedures, OHCHR and other human rights mechanisms is indispensable for the effective implementation of their mandates. Marking the 60th anniversary of the Covenants is also a reminder of the need to support and to cooperate with the institutions that make the realization of these rights possible.

Mister President,

We commend the work of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the vital contributions of special procedures, OHCHR, regional organizations, civil society, national human rights institutions and human rights defenders. Together, their efforts are essential to translating the rights enshrined in the Covenants into reality.

Thank you.