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President,

The 2030 Agenda is one of the most significant achievements of the United Nations in recent times; its relevance will undoubtedly extend far beyond this decade. The Sustainable Development Goals established a universal normative framework for development based on the recognition that the three pillars of the UN – peace, development, and human rights – are indivisible and mutually reinforcing. We are alarmed by the fact that the Secretary-General's latest progress report once again delivers a sobering assessment. We are not merely falling short of our ambitions. In some areas, we are moving in the wrong direction. This is not for lack of knowledge, nor for lack of proven solutions. The barriers are political, financial, and structural. And a retreat from multilateral commitments in parts of the international community threatens to erode the very foundation on which the 2030 Agenda rests. Liechtenstein believes that the response to these setbacks cannot be resignation. It must be renewed resolve, grounded in evidence, sustained by political will, and matched by concrete action.

President,

This Forum's in-depth review of SDG 7 comes at a critical moment. The disruption of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz since February of this year has caused what the International Energy Agency has described as the largest supply disruption in the history of the global oil market. It is a reminder of the structural risks inherent in the fossil fuel dependency of our global economy. The transition to sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy is not merely an environmental imperative, but a matter of long-term economic security and social stability. The goal of tripling global renewable capacity by 2030, reaffirmed at COP28, requires both ambition in policy and a fundamental shift in the architecture of energy finance. Liechtenstein has sought to implement these priorities in its domestic framework. Since 2015, Liechtenstein has held one of the highest per capita installed photovoltaic capacities in the world. Our Energy Strategy 2030 sets clear targets: a 20 per cent reduction in energy demand, 30 per cent renewable energy in our total energy mix, and a 40 per cent domestic reduction in CO2 emissions below 1990 levels.

President,

Liechtenstein has consistently sought to make its contribution to the 2030 Agenda not only through policy commitments at home, but through the mobilization of financial actors globally. In this respect, the Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking Initiative represents Liechtenstein's most sustained contribution to the multilateral effort to address the financial dimensions of modern slavery, which affect an estimated 50 million people and generate over 236 billion US dollars in illicit proceeds annually. They are not marginal phenomena, but systemic failures rooted in the same structural inequalities that sustainable development goals seeks to address. We invite all delegations and partners to engage with this work and to join Liechtenstein in ensuring that the financial sector becomes part of the solution to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking.

I thank you.