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Thank you, Madame Moderator.

Madame President,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At national level, crucial for implementation of so cross-sectoral agenda is the **policy coherence at all levels**, creating bridges from various policies and various actors involved on SDGs implementation.

In Romania, the **Minister of Environment who also has the position of Vice Prime-Minister is chairing the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainable Development**. The members of the Committee are the State' Secretaries from all relevant governmental bodies.

The Committee are working close with the new established Department for Sustainable Development at the Prime Minister Office. **We are in phase of localizing SDGs and prepare our VNR (Voluntary National Review) to be presented to the HLPF next year.**

The regional level is also important, **countries from a specific region are facing common political, economic and environmental challenges**. Regional strategies, initiatives and actions are useful instruments on advancing the global decisions at national and subnational level. Romania as a part of UNECE region, submitted 5 initiatives on Batumi Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" last year – 2 (initiatives) on Batumi Initiative on Green Economy and 3 (initiatives) on Batumi Action for Clean Air. On April this year, the Executive

Committee of UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) agreed to convene every year a Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.

I would like to mention the important role of the High Level Political Forum, as a platform of sharing information on various ways of implementation of the SDGs.

I thank you.