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Thank you for the floor, Mr. President, distinguished colleagues. In addition to the EU statement, I would like to make a few remarks in my national capacity.

- Effective **monitoring, accountability and review** are a key to a successful implementation of sustainable development goals within the post-2015 development agenda. Consequently, the framework, which is about to be set up, must be solid, comprehensive, realistic and user-friendly, and must **encourage mutual learning** and experience sharing.
- At the global level, the purpose of the monitoring, accountability and review framework is to assess overall global progress in an integrated manner. According to the Czech Republic, this can only be achieved by way of a **single framework**. This framework should monitor progress both in the attainment of **SDGs** and in delivering on the Means of Implementation prepared in the **Financing for Development** track and hopefully agreed in Addis in only a few days.
- The High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development is in a unique position to bring more political attention to sustainable development agenda and ensure that its **economic, social and environmental pillars are balanced** and present on equal footing. Consequently, the Czech Republic expects the Forum to be at the centre of the monitoring, accountability and review framework at the global level.
- The Forum must be complementary to and not competitive with other UN bodies, whose work it should not duplicate. The Forum must build on the work of these bodies, most notably **ECOSOC** with its integration segment, regional and functional commissions, special meetings with important global players such as the international financial institutions, etc.
- If **elected to ECOSOC for the 2016 – 2018 period**, the Czech Republic will do its utmost to seek the most effective and efficient relationship between the HLPF and the ECOSOC system including harmonisation and enhanced effectiveness of monitoring and reporting activities with respect to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.
- How should the Forum play the essential role in the implementation architecture of the Post-2015 agenda?
 - The Czech Republic agrees that the Forum needs to be provided with **sufficient and reliable data to anchor its deliberations in evidence**. Reports from individual countries, inputs from the UN regional commissions, thematic

reports on issues crossing boundaries, as well as scientific inputs and outcomes produced by other relevant intergovernmental organizations and institutions (such as the OECD Development Assistance Committee, the Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation) should be taken into account. Not least also the Global Sustainable Development Report, when its scope and methodology are finalized.

- However, we also agree with those who **caution against overburdening the HLPF** and recommend a division of tasks between the Forum and other UN bodies and platforms in a supportive role, especially the functional commissions under the ECOSOC umbrella.
- So a fine **balancing act** is necessary: the HLPF should draw strategic conclusions on the basis of data collected and interpreted at national and regional levels. Yet supportive analysis of progress towards individual Sustainable Development Goals could be done by the functional commissions in partnership with other specialized bodies and with national governments. And the state of play in different parts of the world can best be assessed at the national and regional levels.
- For example, the Forum could devote its attention to groupings of several related SDGs each year to keep both a sharp, effective focus and a sense of context.
- Furthermore, the review processes at HLPF as well as those conducted in other fora should be undertaken in the spirit of a **new global partnership**, which, without any doubt, needs to go beyond business-as-usual approaches.
- The Czech Republic also supports the vital role of the **UN Development system in the implementation** of SDGs. In this regard, we welcome the ongoing Dialogue on its Longer-term Positioning and support its path towards productive outcomes.

I thank you, Mr. President.