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Liberia's current needs present opportunities for private sector investments in hydro, wind, solar and other forms of sustainable development.

Currently, we are prioritizing the restoration of affordable energy to accelerate inclusive economic growth and development for all Liberians. In spite of our recent history of conflict, the Liberian people are determined to rebuild their nation. We are rebuilding infrastructure framework for sustained and inclusive economic growth and development. The country is improving its socioeconomic indicators in some areas, and yet challenges remain in implementation of policy prescriptions and implementation of our governance structures, which has resulted in the design of policy prescriptions and implementation of government's efforts and appreciation to the Secretary General and Heads of State and Governments for organizing the UN conference on sustainable development in Brazil.

As a result, we have the honor to address your Excellencies on behalf of the Government of Liberia. Indeed, we would like to express my greetings on behalf of Her Excellency, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the Government and people of Liberia. The development country. We are combining the use of non-renewable and renewable sources of energy to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth and development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Delegates,

Excellencies, Heads of State and Governments,

Mr. Secretary General,

Madam President,
The plan will be based on the principles of sustainable and inclusive growth and development. Socioeconomic development plan known as Vision 2030, with the goal of making Libya a middle-income country within 15 years. Accordingly, development will be driven by the center of gravity in Africa Summit where we reaffirmed our commitment to the pillars of sustainable development.

Today my country is pursuing balanced sustainable development programs that are characterized by the sensible exploitation of natural resources, while providing basic social services for the people of Libya. Over time, these programs will be deployed in line with the principles and objectives of the economic and social development strategies. The effects of climate change are immediate and profound, and increases in sea surface temperature are destabilizing the high population. A rise in sea level is another cause of concern for us all.

We need the help of our development partners for which is critical as a potential regional disaster in waiting. The effects of climate change are already being experienced in Libya. Over time, agricultural will be affected by climate change, which will by extension affect the economy and social development. Over time, global warming will affect coastal communities and result in the loss of biodiversity and loss of livelihoods. As a result, we are taking the necessary actions.

Our coastal areas are threatened by rising seas. This rise in sea levels continues to destroy coastal communities and results in the loss of biodiversity. This is a global phenomenon. The effects of climate change are global and urgent. Thus, we must take action to mitigate the effects of climate change. Over time, agricultural will be affected by changes in global weather patterns.
I thank you.

Our own development agenda.

our joint participation. Let our agenda reflect the principles adopted here are part of the broader agenda of the global community.

We thank all members of the global community for having participated in the process to set the global sustainable development agenda. We have learned a lot from the experience of the Rio de Janeiro Conference and we believe that we have gained important lessons.

Madam President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will leave Rio de Janeiro with the feeling that we

have developed a plan that will guide the world towards a sustainable future.

We need a plan that is inclusive, accessible, and achievable. We need a plan that is binding, and measurable. We need a plan that is scalable, and that can be implemented.

Our plan must be ambitious, but it must also be realistic. It must be based on the best available science, and it must be supported by the international community.

We need a plan that is resilient, and that can adapt to the changing needs of the world. We need a plan that is flexible, and that can be modified as new information becomes available.

Our plan must be based on the principles of equity, justice, and respect for diversity. We need a plan that recognizes the rights of all people, and that respects their cultures and traditions.

Our plan must be based on the principles of sustainability, and that recognizes the need for future generations.

Madam President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, today, we are here again reaffirming commitments. Liblete made here in Rio


