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Esteemed co-Chairs of this post-2015 Summit,
Mr. President of the General Assembly,
Distinguished Heads of State and Government,
Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have reached a defining moment in human history.

The people of the world have asked us to shine a light on a future of promise and opportunity.

Member States have responded with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The new agenda is a promise by leaders to all people everywhere.

It is a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world.

It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms.

An agenda for the planet, our common home.

An agenda for shared prosperity, peace and partnership.

It conveys the urgency of climate action.

It is rooted in gender equality and respect for the rights of all.

Above all, it pledges to leave no one behind.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The true test of commitment to Agenda 2030 will be implementation.

We need action from everyone, everywhere.

Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals are our guide.

They are a to-do list for people and planet, and a blueprint for success.

To achieve these new global goals, we will need your high-level political commitment.

We will need a renewed global partnership.

The Millennium Development Goals showed what is possible when we work together.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda has given us a solid financing framework.

Let us build on these foundations.

To do better, we must do differently.

The 2030 Agenda compels us to look beyond national boundaries and short-term interests and act in solidarity for the long-term.

We can no longer afford to think and work in silos.

Institutions will have to become fit for a grand new purpose.

The United Nations system is strongly committed to supporting Member States in this great new endeavour.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Nous devons entrer du bon pied dans l'ère nouvelle.

Je demande à tous les gouvernements d'adopter à Paris, en décembre, un accord sur le climat qui soit solide et universel.

Je constate avec satisfaction que plusieurs pays sont déjà en train d'intégrer le Programme 2030 dans leurs stratégies nationales de développement.

Mais nul ne peut réussir seul.

Tous les intéressés doivent être mobilisés, comme pour l'élaboration du Programme.

Nous devons collaborer avec les parlements et les collectivités locales, et travailler avec les villes comme avec les zones rurales.

Nous devons mobiliser les entreprises et leurs dirigeants.

Nous devons associer la société civile à nos politiques et lui donner la possibilité de nous demander des comptes.

Nous devons écouter les scientifiques et les universitaires.

Il nous faudra aussi nous lancer dans la révolution des données.

Et surtout, nous devons nous mettre au travail. Tout de suite.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Seventy years ago, the United Nations rose from the ashes of war.

Governments agreed on a visionary Charter dedicated to 'We the Peoples'.

The Agenda you are adopting today advances the goals of the Charter.

It embodies the aspirations of people everywhere for lives of peace, security and dignity on a healthy planet.

Let us today pledge to light the path to this transformative vision.

Thank you.

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