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**Mr. President,**  
**Excellencies,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful**

I would like to associate myself with the statement made by the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, at the highest level, is fully committed to the effective implementation of the Agenda 2030 in its entirety and highly values the HLPF as the platform for reviewing and following-up the implementation of the SDGs, while considering various challenges emerging from our transforming world, assessing existing institutional arrangements at various levels to address such challenges and recommending policy options for ensuring a strong performance by member states and all relevant stakeholders for the follow-up of all sections of this agenda.

**Mr. President,**

To move from aspiration into action, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires more effective international support and solidarity. As the developing countries continue to face a number of development challenges originating from global economic imbalances, the United Nations, especially at the early stage of implementation of the Agenda, should play its coordinating role in strengthening the genuine global partnership for sustainable development.

In the process of implementation of Agenda, the agreed principles of national ownership and common but differentiated responsibilities, with an emphasis on the development orientation of the three pillars of sustainable development, should remain the cornerstones of our common venture.

**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran, despite various challenges and constraints, including unfair and illegal restrictions and sanctions, has already made significant steps toward integrating, institutionalizing and implementation as well as following- up and reviewing of the Agenda 2030.

National priorities have been set for addressing our major goals including poverty eradication, sustainable management of water and sanitation, renewable energy resources, housing, combating desertification, deforestation and dust storm, energy efficiency improvement, ensuring health and disaster risk reduction and management.

I would like to highlight two major Acts adopted by my government in order to strengthen resilient national economy and protection of environment. The first Act on Resilient Economy, deals with external shocks that may threaten the national economic, social and environmental development.

The second Act will enhance protection of environment with strong emphasis on promotion of green economy and low carbon industry; addressing climate change, desertification as well as sand and dust storms; protection of biodiversity and forests; and enhancing R&D for environmentally sound technologies, technology transfer and associated know-how. These two Acts form the cornerstone of our policy making and actions for the follow-up and implementation of the Agenda 2030.

**Mr. President,**

I wish to conclude by expressing that through a true partnership, cooperation and solidarity, we would be able to transform our commitments into actions. We are of the view that our success lies in thinking globally while acting locally.