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***Mr. President
Excellencies,***

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Last September, while adapting the SDGs, we agreed that no-goal is achieved if not met by all groups – gender, age, income quintile, ethnicity, geographic location or other groups. ‘*Leaving No-one Behind*’ will remain the guiding principle to all our SDG efforts at all levels. It is rightly echoed as the theme of this first High Level Political Forum, after the adaptation of the SDGs, which will be the main platform for the review of implementation efforts and fostering of international cooperation.

Ethiopia has been actively engaged in the SDGs negotiation process and will remain committed to ensure their effective implementation for achievement by 2030 that leaves no-one behind. It’s our firm belief that, it’s at the earliest stages that we can set the foundation for ensuring that we leave no-one behind by 2030.

Ethiopia took ownership of the SDGs agenda by integrating the goals into our five-year national Growth and Transformation Plan in 2015, which will guide our efforts through 2020. We have fully integrated the three dimensions of the SDGs into our five-year national plan.

Our national plans - with sustainable development at the core- serve as a mechanism to overcome the silo-sectoral approach to development. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the strategic efforts and directions we in Ethiopia took this year across the three dimensions of the SDGs – economic, social and environmental.

Mr. President,

Over the next five years, it’s our aim to keep our economy growing at an annual average rate of 10% and reduce poverty to 16% by 2020. We are cognizant that the reduction of poverty doesn’t effectively replicate our

growth trajectory on its own. Thus, we are progressively taking targeted measures to address those at the bottom, and left them out of the poverty trap.

A key measure we took this year is – localizing and mainstreaming our first ever-national social protection policy in all regions with federal support to erect the coordination framework for implementation at the lowest level of local administrations across the country. We are also expanding our rural productive social safety net program – which has been the largest in Africa since its launch in 2005 – into the urban areas covering over 4.7 million urban poor in the coming ten years.

On the economic front – we are keen to ensure the structural transformation of our economy with the goal to attain a carbon-neutral middle-income-industrial economy by 2025, keeping us on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Our key focus is on the creation of decent jobs for our growing population and ensuring the shift for 80% of our labor force from low-productivity rain-fed subsistence agriculture to commercial and productive agriculture with direct linkage to our emerging manufacturing sector.

The development of the private sector particularly that of SMEs, is at the core of our growth strategy. This month, we completed the development of a legal framework for Public-Private Partnerships, which will soon be submitted to the parliament and operationalize before the end of the year, which we are confident will facilitate for our private sector to play its role in our SDG efforts.

On the environmental front - our current five-year plan has integrated the Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy for implementation across the economy with institutional structures to the local levels. We have announced and instituted the mechanism to ensure a green economy path – with an Intended Nationally Determined Contribution of 64% by 2030 from the business as usual.

Mr. President,

Inline to our implementation efforts to set the strategic policy and institutional frameworks for the implementation of the SDGs – we are working to ensure a coherent and integrated monitoring framework. Our currently under-development policy-matrix has integrated SDG targets which will allow us to have a complete annual progress report for national and international consideration.

Our Government is working strategically to ensure that we have the institutional and policy frameworks for the coherent implementation of the SDGs leaving no-one behind. With a revitalized global partnership to support the most vulnerable, share experiences and create an enabling international policy environment, we are confident that we will attain our vision for irreversible eradication of poverty and global prosperity within planetary boundaries by 2030.

Thank you!