

Statement by MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia) at the 2021 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

We, the countries of MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia) make the following joint statement:

MIKTA reasserts its unwavering commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and underscores the need to accelerate implementation in the Decade of Action. A sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic must promote sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions. We would like to highlight four points in this regard.

First, recognizing the risk of hard-won development gains being reversed, MIKTA reiterates its full commitment to unity and international and multilateral cooperation to minimize the negative economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through a sustainable, resilient and green recovery. MIKTA countries will continue to call for timely, global and equitable access to affordable, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for the global public good, and for an authoritative and responsive World Health Organization. We must ensure the vaccine rollout reaches all people, irrespective of sex, gender, age, race, or ethnicity, especially those who may be vulnerable or find themselves in vulnerable situations, while continuing to prioritize front-line workers, healthcare workers, persons with disabilities, older populations and others disproportionately affected by COVID-19, and with particular attention to effective action for the advancement of gender equality.

Second, we call for increased investment in research, innovation and infrastructure to strengthen environmental sustainability, climate adaptation, mitigation and resilience. In particular, low-emissions technology will be key to the achievement of SDGs 7 and 13.



We were proud to share best practices on low-emissions technologies at the HLPF MIKTA side event on the 7th of July.

Third, we continue to affirm the importance of promoting and strengthening a rules-based multilateral trading system that is universal, open, transparent, predictable, inclusive, non-discriminatory and equitable, with the World Trade Organization at its center. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, special attention should be given to ensuring the proper functioning of global supply chains and reviving international trade and investments, particularly to support the availability, accessibility and production of highly needed medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and health equipment, including through transfer of technology and know-how on mutually agreed terms.

Fourth, we acknowledge that tourism and international travel are among the economic sectors hardest hit by COVID-19, and we recognize the need to ensure the revival of these sectors. We stress that this challenge requires comprehensive solutions and international collaboration which contribute to strengthening policies and the financial support needed to sustain the livelihoods dependent on these sectors, reduce inequalities and eradicate poverty.

MIKTA will continue to play its part to accelerate the achievement of all the SDGs, including its collective goal of a more inclusive, sustainable and resilient world. To achieve the 2030 Agenda, we welcome processes that draw on national-level reviews and contribute to follow-up at the global level. In this regard, we reaffirm the central role of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Thank you very much.