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**Statement**

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**at the briefing by the Secretary General  
on the Special SDG Progress Report**

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Mr. President,  
Mr. Secretary General,

1. It is a bleak picture presented in the report. But we thank you for it, because we also see in the report some rays of hope. I think what is the most important message of the report is that you highlight the very strategic urgency of dealing with the SDG problems, which will rescue the SDGs, and that, as in your words, Mr. Secretary-General, a “two-track world” is not sustainable. And if we don't address this, there is no future.

2. So let us go to the heart of the matter which is your rescue plan for the people and planet. And the way we see it, Mr. Secretary-General, it is a very good foundation for us to have a successful SDG Summit to rescue the SDGs. We see the rescue effort divided into three phases.

3. The first phase is CPR phase, which is the cardiac pulmonary resuscitation.

4. The report is exactly that. To stimulate countries to work together in order to stimulate and reinvigorate the SDG process.

5. We also see that **the reorientation of the priorities of the UN system to sustainable development** can be done immediately. And this is what is necessary at this stage.

6. The next phase is ICU – Intensive Care Unit.

7. We have to ensure that the rescue efforts for the patient, which is the SDG process, gets the necessary attention. There are a couple of issues here that you raised, which we think we should work on further.

8. Your call for targeted actions by Member States to focus on issues that help address poverty and other related issues, for example.

9. **The call for universal social protection.** This should begin immediately **building on universal health coverage** and this will also lay good groundwork for the World Social Summit in 2025. But this should begin right now.

10. Equally important is what you alluded to what is essentially a “**Marshall Plan for Development**”, a “Marshall Plan for Development” to implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Your **SDG Stimulus** of 500 billion US dollars a year from this year to 2030 is an important first step.

11. The third phase is the recovery phase for the SDG process. We see three quick points.

12. First, **we support your call for a Bretton Woods moment.** We should build momentum on this to ensure that developing countries have a stronger voice in the financial process. The reform of the global financial system needs to be undertaken, and we need the dialogue between the United Nations and international financial institutions, including with the G20. This is along the lines of what you have proposed earlier in the Our Common Agenda (OCA). We also appreciate the call for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025; perhaps it could be done earlier.

13. The second point is to **strengthen the UN development system** which is called for in your report. We could do this by strengthening the UNDP and have a much stronger interface with regional commissions. And we need to work in close coordination with regional organizations who have much to contribute in terms of the regional approach to support the global approach in this SDG rescue effort.

14. And lastly, we have to **make use of**, as was mentioned also by the President of the General Assembly, **technology, digital technology, STI,**

**and data.** How we integrate data in order to have the facts before us and therefore have the best way forward in order to help rescue the SDGs.

15. So three phases: CPR, ICU and recovery.

16. In overall, we need to this very urgently. We need to have a successful SDG summit in September this year.

17. Because if we don't incorporate all these various elements that I have mentioned, and that you have mentioned in report, we have a bleak future. And if we have a bleak future, then we will not have a successful Summit of the Future process.

18. Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Secretary General.

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