



Türkiye's Remarks

Second Informal consultation on the political declaration of the SDG Summit

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Excellency,

Let me begin by thanking Ireland and Qatar for leading this important process.

We will share our inputs for the zero draft declaration in writing after the meeting, but we would like to briefly share our opinion on what the zero draft of the political declaration should include.

In the declaration, among others:

We would like to reaffirm the commitment to international solidarity and cooperation to effectively address the urgent global challenges and encourage UN members to put forth ambitious plans.

We should address the pressing global challenges including climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste. It should be recognized in the Declaration that special efforts are required at the international level for the utilization of green technologies, as well as for accelerating financial support to developing countries.

Unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are the root causes of the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. These crises and related environmental degradation threaten ecosystem functioning, human well-being and achievement of the SDGs. Therefore, SDG12 twelve, which aims at ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, resource efficiency, reducing waste and pollution, shaping circular economy and in that regard initiatives on zero waste is of paramount importance.

Elements paper underscores the science, technology, and innovation to digital transformation for sustainable development – bridge the digital divide. In this respect, we believe that the Declaration should highlight the importance of supporting and funding the UN Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, the only UN agency dedicated to the LDCs exclusively.

I thank you