



**Intervention by
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**at
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Declaration of SDG Summit**

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I thank you Madam Chair,

1. I join others in thanking you, and Ambassador Fergal, as co-facilitators, for preparing the zero draft. We appreciate your approach and hard work in preparing the zero draft.
2. Indonesia fully aligns itself with the statement made by Cuba on behalf of the G77 and China.
3. We appreciate **the many important issues** that have been included in the draft zero text, highlighted by the G77.
4. We fully agree with you, co-facilitator, for the SDGs declaration to **be action oriented**.
5. With the **recent report** of the Secretary General on the SDGs, there is an even more **sense of urgency** for the declaration to be a concrete **plan of action or roadmap** to achieving progress on the SDGs, in the remainder of the time we have.
6. Thus, the declaration should be **clear**, on what needs to be done at the **national, regional and global** level to put us back on track.
7. Allow me to highlight **some issues** we believe needs to be stronger reflected in the future text.
8. **First**, achieving the SDGs essentially lies with **actions at the national level**. Creating the best enabling environment for these actions is therefore important.
9. Creating a conducive environment for countries to achieve and to sustain economic growth is central.
10. Key elements for sustained growth that needs **clear mandate in** the text include:

- ➔ **Mobilization of investment and addressing the issue of debt;**
- ➔ **Promoting open and fair trade**, reducing all barriers to trade, both tariff and non-tariff barriers;
- ➔ **Digital transformation**, allowing for meaningful participation and digital inclusion;
- ➔ **Promote new sources of growth**, including green and blue growth, and supporting micro, small and medium enterprises.

11. **Second**, we need concrete actions to **close SDGs financing gap and mobilization of means of implementation**.
12. Our declaration should provide a **clear path** to fulfilling financing commitments of developed countries, including on climate and concessional financing.
13. Also important is a strong push for the **development and mobilization of innovative financing**, including blended finance.
14. **Third**, closing the SDG gap will need strong **multilateralism and a fully functioning international machinery**.
15. Central to this is a **clear mandate** to be given by leaders, to reform the international financial architecture and the close collaboration with UN development system.
16. Language on reform must therefore be more ambitious than what a group of 20 countries announced last November.
17. As highlighted by Singapore, the High-Level Advisory Board (HLAB) report have also a number of ideas that should be incorporated.

Madam Chair,

18. We are all in agreement for the SDG Summit to be the **crown jewel** for this year's high-level agenda.
19. No doubt the **challenges and asks** for the SDGs Summit is great.
20. But we must also recognize, the **SDGs Summit is not a silver bullet**.
21. We will not solve **all the challenges for the SDGs in September**.
22. What is clear, the SDGs Summit will **need to set the level of ambition** on actions and reforms to achieving some of our targets.
23. Our work will have to **continue and connect with** future processes such as the **Summit of the Future**, the **Social Summit** and other **OCA Processes**.
24. The SDG Summit will be the **standard bearer** for our level of ambition forward.
25. My delegation stands-ready to support and work with you, co-facilitator throughout this process in producing the final document.

I thank you.

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