

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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Thank you Madame President,

We would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the activities carried out in Turkey with regard to the attainment of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Firstly, with a total budget of over 5,5 Million US Dollars for 2021 and in coordination with the UNIDO Center for Regional Cooperation, eight projects are underway for facilitating the attainment of several SDGs in Turkey. We hope that Turkey and UNIDO will collaborate on scaling up and diversifying technical projects in the future within the scope of the 2030 Agenda.

Secondly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, together with UNDP and UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries, initiated the “SDG Impact Accelerator Project” in 2018. The SDG Impact Accelerator is a global accelerator built by a multi stakeholder platform focusing on empowering “systems entrepreneurs” and innovators who are providing impact at scale. It aims to generate market-creating innovations for refugees and least-developed country populations.

Funded by the Turkish Government, second programme of the Project has been seeking solutions for digital agriculture in Uganda and financial inclusion in Bangladesh, by mentoring and funding entrepreneurs and innovators with the help of global investors, mentors, and partners.

Out of 649 applications, 21 digital agriculture startups who would like to transform the current agri-food systems with innovative solutions in Uganda were selected. The Financial Inclusion call, on the other hand, received 425 applications from 52 countries, out of which 20 startups were selected to join the Pre-Acceleration Program.

Thirdly, after having presented its second Voluntary National Review at the High-Level Political Forum in 2019, Turkey recently published Sustainable Development Indicators Report for the term 2010-2019 covering all the seventeen SDGs with a total of 131 indicators. According to the report, Turkey has been making progress for the greater part of the Goals and Targets.

Thank you Madame President.