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Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals  
(STI Forum)**

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(Introduction)

To begin, allow me to say that it is my great honor to have this opportunity to speak at the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for the first time as a Co-Chair of the United Nations Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (or "STI Forum" for short). Since last December when I was appointed to Co-Chair the STI Forum, I have been working closely with my fellow Co-Chair, Ambassador Juan Sandoval Mendiola, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations. I would like to bring the discussions at this session of the CSTD back to NY to make this year's STI Forum, which will be held in NY in three weeks, on June 5th and 6th as fruitful and engaging as possible.

← Not just my first but first time ever by the STI Forum Co-Chair to come to Geneva to join you

(Message)

I think no one doubts that Science, Technology and Innovation have important roles to play in the achievement of the SDGs. Today I would like to introduce this year's STI Forum which is aiming to promote the active role of STI to further facilitate the implementation of concrete action to achieve the SDGs.

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(1) The Outline of the STI Forum

The STI Forum is a unique venue which brings multi-stakeholders, including governments, scientists, private companies, NGOs and civil society together to discuss the role and application of STI for the SDGs. The scope of the STI Forum is different in many aspects from that of the CSTD which is an inter-governmental framework. However, the CSTD and the STI Forum are complementary and thus both highly important.

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If you would please take a look at the draft program, copies of which have been handed out, you will see that, in addition to the Opening and Concluding/Way Forward sessions, the other sessions of the Forum can be categorized into three groups. The first is a stand-alone session on the "Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of SDGs". The second group comprises several sessions concerning the themes of this year's High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), which are Sustainable Development Goals (6) Clean water and sanitation, (7) Affordable and clean Energy, (11) Sustainable cities and communities, (12) Responsible consumption and production, and (15) Life on land. We are also planning, on the second day of the Forum, to have sessions on indigenous knowledge and home-grown technology. The third group is a stand-alone session on the STI Roadmaps, which I will ~~also~~ expand later. <sup>another</sup> since it is going to be

This year, will be the third round of the forum, we are aiming to have an action-oriented STI Forum. For instance, one of the mandates of the STI Forum given by Addis Ababa Action Agenda is to provide a place for multiple stakeholders to interact with each other in order to facilitate matchmaking and networking. In accordance with this mandate, we will be providing several opportunities for matchmaking between investors and innovators. X

We are preparing to make the STI Forum a place to realize the practical application and scaling up of the innovations that will help us achieve the SDGs. In this regard, we would like to ask each Member State to publicly announce the Forum in order to inform and encourage the participation of innovators and investors from every country. X

Let me touch upon  
On (2) STI Roadmaps a little further.

We believe This year's STI Forum will be a good opportunity to deepen the discussion on the STI Roadmaps to achieve the SDGs by 2030, as considered at the 1st and 2nd STI Forums. The STI roadmaps are communication tools which visualize what should be done by whom and when, in the process of taking STI elements into <sup>public</sup> policy. For the STI roadmaps, we would like to learn from the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Review by UNCTAD and relevant experiences of various countries. We believe that this year's STI Forum should serve as the first step on a journey of concrete actions for the STI Roadmaps. We would be happy to have the participation and voices of all relevant stakeholders.

### (3) Collaboration with STI-related Conferences/Meetings

Another one of our goals this year is to strengthen partnerships, combining the numerous discussions on science, technology and innovation which are being conducted all over the world. In this connection, around the STI Forum, we will be holding "STI Week" from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. During STI Week, we will be holding meetings on science and technology for the SDGs both before and after the STI forum. The Global Solutions Summit on the theme "From the Lab to the last mile: Technology Development Business Models for the SDGs" will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Then, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, the Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Conference or "G-STIC 2018" will be held to discuss integrated technological solutions.

General information on these meetings has already been distributed together with the program passed around earlier. Please take a look at those documents.

In previous in New York on this year's STI Forum, we heard the call from several of the UN Member States to lend a greater focus to the gender perspective. Though we have not planned any sessions specifically about gender, because the topics of STI Forum are aligned with themes of the HLPF, we hope to focus the discussions at G-STIC on the issue of gender, and to broadly include a gender perspective in the discussions of the STI Forum.

### (Conclusion)

Today's discussion at the CSTD are focused on sustainable and resilient societies, which is also a theme of the STI Forum this year, together with rapid technological change. We, the Co-Chairs of the STI Forum, are honored to have been invited to the CSTD. In turn, we are honored to invite representatives from the CSTD to the STI Forum. As a concrete step toward our new collaboration, we would like to bring back the discussions here at the CSTD to the STI Forum, in order to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. Ambassador Sandoval and I shall set our minds to promoting further cooperation and active interaction between the CSTD and the STI Forum.

I thank you.

