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Madame President,  
Mr. Secretary General,  
Excellencies, Distinguished guests,

At the outset, I would like to thank the government and the people of Kenya for their kind offer to organize this meeting and for the outstanding hospitality extended to all participants of the conference in Nairobi.

*Madame President,*

The Polish Delegation fully endorses the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union. However I would like to add some additional remarks from a national perspective.

First of all, I would like to reaffirm Poland's ongoing commitment to UNCTAD. Ever since the first Conference in Geneva in 1964, Poland has always been an active member of this organization.

Our membership in UNCTAD is part of our endeavor to strengthen the role of economic diplomacy as a platform for multilateral and intergovernmental dialogue. It is also a symbol of belonging to the group of countries who are seeking together solutions to the crucial global problems.

*Madame President,*

The adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a significant milestone in global and national development efforts. Our national perspective of actions for sustainable and responsible development has been formulated in *The Responsible Development Plan* adopted by the Polish Government in February this year. In the frame of this plan a range of measures aimed at boosting the economy's potential to develop responsibly and improve Poles' quality of life will be taken. We strive to make effective use of our existing advantages and simultaneously create new advantages by making better use of knowledge, capital and high-tech. To be more specific, fore mentioned strategy aims to create conditions for development of economic cooperation with other countries in field of trade and investments, as well as to improve business climate for Polish and foreign investors. Among others the support to investors will cover numerous areas – SMEs, infrastructure, export promotion, innovation.

*Madame President,*

Poland attaches great importance to development cooperation as the most important tool for implementing Sustainable Development Goals by Poland at the international level. It's another good opportunity for me to underline that Polish development cooperation is conducted in the framework of EU as well as global development policies, while the good governance, democracy, human rights, entrepreneurship, private sector, sustainable agriculture, rural development and environmental protection are its key priorities.

*Madame President,*

Polish financial commitments in the area of development cooperation in 2016-2020 will reflect the results of the negotiations of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa. In line with the position of the Polish government adopted on 10 July 2015, Poland will strive to increase the ODA to the level of 0,33% GNI by 2030. The vast majority of funds of Polish aid are spent in former USSR countries and in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Varying from year to year, Poland allocates an average of 22% of its ODA to bilateral aid and 78% to multilateral aid.

*Madame President,*

I would like to thank UNCTAD for inviting Polish private sector representatives to participate in this conference. More than fifteen Polish companies are participating in plenary sessions and meeting delegates of other countries in the corridors and during dedicated side events. This demonstrates that UNCTAD has a potential to play an important role of a platform for dialogue between business partners from different countries and regions. We further encourage UNCTAD to develop its cooperation with the private sector.

*Madame President,*

At the end let me take this opportunity to invite you and all participants of this conference to an exhibition in Kenyatta Centre, dedicated to the Polish development cooperation.

*Thank you Madame President.*