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**The role of science, technology, and innovation in reinforcing the 2030 Agenda  
and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of  
sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions**

Statement by

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“The role of science, technology, and innovation in Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovation solutions”

**Speech of Mr. Ahmet Halit HATİP, General Director of EU and Foreign Affairs of the  
Ministry of Industry and Technology, on behalf of the Minister of Industry and  
Technology, H.E. Mehmet Fatih KACIR**

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Mr. / Madam Chair,

Honorable Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to extend warm greetings on behalf of H.E. Minister Mehmet Fatih KACIR, Minister of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye. I am truly honored to address this esteemed gathering convened by the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) Twenty-Seventh Annual Session. I wish to express our appreciation to the UNCTAD secretariat for their meticulous arrangements and this wonderful atmosphere.

Türkiye stands firmly committed to upholding the principles and objectives of the United Nations, particularly in the realms of peace, security, stability, and prosperity. It is our steadfast endeavor to enhance our nation's effectiveness within the United Nations and to actively engage across all spheres, particularly in the domains of industry, technology, and innovation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our world stands at a critical juncture, besieged by multifaceted challenges ranging from poverty and inequality to environmental degradation, climate change and global health crises. As we are well aware, we are halfway towards realizing the ambitious goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, yet progress remains elusive. The recent United Nations report underscores the stark reality that progress towards more than half of these goals has been weak, insufficient, and more than 30 percent of the instances, the progress is stagnant or regressive.

The ongoing pandemic, coupled with rising inflation, environmental degradation, economic disparities, and geopolitical tensions, threatens to derail the strides made thus far. It is imperative that we redouble our efforts and expedite progress, lest we plunge into prolonged periods of crises and uncertainty. Failure to act decisively will only exacerbate poverty, inequality, hunger, disease, conflict, and environmental degradation.

In this regard, Türkiye reaffirms its unwavering commitment to urgent action to realize the 2030 Agenda and expedite the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. We firmly believe that the SDGs provide a comprehensive roadmap towards a more equitable and sustainable future, with science, technology, and innovation serving as indispensable enablers of progress.

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Türkiye recognizes the indispensable role of global cooperation in leveraging the potential of science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development. As a responsible member of the international community, we are fully committed to actively contributing to this collective endeavor.

Distinguished participants,

Türkiye stands ready and eager to assume a more significant role in fostering a future that nurtures Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) and empowers all nations, particularly the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). We commend the establishment of the UN Technology Bank for LDCs in 2018, which has been instrumental in bolstering the role of STI in advancing sustainable development. As the host country and a major contributor to the UN Technology Bank, Türkiye reaffirms its unwavering commitment to this cause.

We are currently spearheading the "Technology Makers Lab" project in collaboration with the UN Technology Bank, aimed at empowering youth through technology. Having successfully implemented this project in our own nation, reaching 15,000 students, 3,000 instructors, and 1,000 workshops, we aspire to extend its reach to the nine of the LDCs.

Mr./Madam Chair,

We commend the commendable efforts of H.E. Secretary-General António Guterres and Technology Envoy H.E. Amandeep Singh Gill in advancing the digital acceleration agenda to drive progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. Türkiye extends its full support to the Global Digital Compact, which seeks to establish common principles for an open, free, and secure digital future, underpinned by transparency and inclusiveness.

Excellencies,

In conclusion, I express my sincere hope that our deliberations during this session will yield fruitful outcomes. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their invaluable contributions towards shaping a better and more sustainable future for all.

Thank you very much.