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Statement by

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Mr. President,

I would like to thank Egypt for the excellent leadership provided to the Group of 77 this year. We also appreciate the important achievements made during the leadership of Ecuador last year. We also congratulate Palestine for its election as Chair of the G 77 for the year 2019.

Mr. President,

2. This year marks three years of the two outstanding successes of our collective work - the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.

3. With more than 110 Member States presenting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) in last three years, we have moved from the phase of "Precept" to the stage of "Practice". The VNRs truly reflect the spirit of constructive multilateralism.

4. We have fully supported the Secretary General's comprehensive reform proposals. We call upon the traditional donors to step up their voluntary contributions for timely operationalisation of the 'Reinvigorated RC System'. We also welcome SG's efforts to reform the UN DESA to be able to play a meaningful role along with the rest of the UN system, towards achievement of 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President,

5. Tuberculosis and non-communicable diseases are global challenges that disproportionately affect poor people. Our group has successfully negotiated the political declarations with an aim to addressing the concerns of developing countries. It is vital to promote access to affordable medicines and other health technologies, including through the full use of the flexibilities contained in the TRIPS Agreement and the Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health.

Mr. President,

6. India is pushing ahead on each of the SDGs with strong political commitment and execution by all stakeholders. We are undertaking

the transformation of the energy mix towards renewable energy. By 2022, India plans to produce 175 GW of renewable energy that will include 100 GW of solar power.

7. India is also partnering with France and other member countries for the success of the International Solar Alliance as a tangible contribution to the ongoing collective global efforts on climate action. 68 countries have already joined this Alliance, which has now been registered at the UN as a multilateral treaty.

Mr. President,

8. We look forward to BAPA+40 Conference on South-South Cooperation. Last year, India established the India-UN Development Partnership Fund stepping up its efforts towards South-South cooperation. A sum of US\$ 150 million has been committed for the next decade focussing on the developmental projects in LDCs and SIDS.

9. Responding to the call of the Addis Agenda, India continued its contribution to the UN Tax Trust Fund for the second successive year. We have also contributed to the trust funds for Technology Bank for LDCs and for organisation of the mid-term review of the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs.

10. We take this opportunity to congratulate Palestine for taking over the leadership of this Group and assure them my delegation's full support.

14. To conclude, we look forward to continue our active engagement in this Group for promoting our collective interests.

Thank You Mr. President.
