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Excellencies,

Distinguished Colleagues,

It is an honor to address you today as we discuss how to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Bosnia and Herzegovina is deeply committed to advancing sustainable development, and our progress would not have been possible without the invaluable support and cooperation of the United Nations system—-particularly the UN Resident Coordinator, UN country team in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A key milestone in our journey toward sustainable peace and development is the founding of the Peacebuilding Steering Committee in Sarajevo. Co-chaired by our Minister of Foreign Affairs, Elmedin Konaković, and the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Ingrid Macdonald this Committee provides strategic guidance for activities supported by the UN Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund. It also ensures coherence across reconciliation efforts by bringing together national, regional, and international partners, including the European Union and bilateral representatives.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide on July 11, 2025, the support of the UN country team is indispensable. Their collaboration ensures that preparations are conducted in close coordination with the United Nations and aligned with the broader UN outreach program, in accordance with the principles outlined in the adopted General Assembly Resolution. This anniversary is a critical moment for reflection, reconciliation, and a renewed commitment to preventing such atrocities from occurring again.

We are thankful to SG Antonio Guterres for his continuous support for "Mothers of Srebrenica" and looking forward to be with him in Srebrenica, in July 2025 for 30th commemoration of last genocide in 20th century.

In regional cooperation, the "Working Group on the Western Balkans 2030 for the SDGs and the European Union", established last year in New York and co-chaired by Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy, ensures that our sustainable development goals are aligned with European priorities. This effort is crucial for both regional stability and sustainable economic growth.

We also look forward to the BiH Economic Forum in Sarajevo this October, where the participation of the UN country team and UNDP will further enrich discussions on key topics such as the Growth Plan, human capacity development, institutional strengthening, and sustainable financing in the context of Western Balkan European integrations with the participants from the region.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is determined to continue making strides toward sustainable development, peace, and prosperity— but we cannot do it alone. We are grateful to the UN Resident Coordinator and the UN country team for their dedication, and we look forward to even greater cooperation in the future.

In that sense we support SGs call to Members States for full funding and resourcing of the development reform/RC system given effectiveness and efficiency we are witnessing in our part of the world.

Thank you.