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## **Poland's written statement for the 2021 High-level Political Forum/ High-level Segment of ECOSOC**

***Dear Mr. President,***

***Dear Excellencies, Dear Friends and Stakeholders of the 2030 Agenda.***

***Sustainable development takes on a real dimension in a new reality shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its costs remind all the countries that the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is crucial to build back better, greener as well as digital after the crisis.***

***Poland remains fully committed to accelerating the 2030 Agenda implementation. We shall aim at encouraging all UN Member States to accelerate efforts to effectively realize the economic, social and environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the COVID-19 era. In this regard, we base the recovery process from the COVID-19 crisis on a concept that takes into account all aspects of sustainable development and implement policies in line with the 2030 Agenda principle "Leave no one behind".***

***Our priority in these difficult times has been to maintain as many effective Polish companies and workplaces as possible, which is reflected in the National Anti-crisis Shield countering the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to ensuring that all our activities translate into higher labour productivity in Poland, increasing income and living standards of citizens. We will also focus on activities that will stimulate innovation in business and the economy, as well as those that support our climate commitments.***

***The pandemic has shown the importance of new technologies, including digital ones, and the possibility of using them in many areas, such as education, work, medicine, economy and administration. The key in the coming years will be the development of all technologies that will allow us to move towards a low-carbon, circular economy - enabling us to transform production and consumption chains and redesign industrial systems. One of the key policies in this area will be the Industrial Policy of Poland to rebuild and strengthen the resilience and sovereignty of Polish industry in the post-COVID-19 period. The Industrial Policy is closely linked to the new export policy, which main objects are increasing the degree of internationalisation of Polish companies - especially in the SME***

**sector, tightening Poland's economic relations with EU countries as well as rising to a higher level in the global value chains.**

**In the context of digital transformation, we strive to provide investments in automation tax relief for enterprises, public e-services for citizens, digital school or activities for cybersecurity. For the future of digital-based sustainable economy, it is also extremely important for young people to function well in the labour market. The digitally well-skilled young generation is a prerequisite for the long-term development of modern and sustainable economy, therefore our aim is to support youth in terms of digital technologies.**

**The need for recovery after pandemic is a unique opportunity to create a new momentum for green growth and to rethink how to increase the ambition of global climate action. We are committed to fighting climate change and implementing the Paris Agreement, as well as acting collectively giving impetus to global climate action. We will be also implementing the New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change by initiating and adjusting legal and financial instruments and also by fostering the involvement and cooperation with all relevant stakeholders responsible for and interested in adaptation actions. However, our country needs a climate-friendly transition in a just and socially balanced manner, reflecting national circumstances. In this regard, we have already started the transformation to a just and green economy under the Poland's energy policy until 2040, moving towards low-emission technologies and modernizing the national economy as well.**

**For Poland, as well as for other EU countries, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan will be an impulse for enterprises and state administration to undertake reforms and investments strengthening the growth potential as well as economic and social resilience, and at the same time fostering green and digital transformation. Present and future generations will benefit from the effects of these changes. Significantly, each component of the Plan, has a direct link to specific SDGs assigned to it for implementation. The measures within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan will have the greatest impact on the objectives related to innovation – SDG 9, competitiveness of the economy – SDG 8, education – SDG 4, health – SDG 3, sustainable production and consumption – SDG 12 and climate action – SDG 13.**

**COVID-19 pandemic has brought many challenges in multiple areas – from health, through social security to employment, industry and climate protection. Regardless of the country, our common goal is to provide access to medical equipment as well as vaccinations. The urgent need is to make sure that everyone can be provided with suitable treatment and vaccination in such situations in the future. In this context, also the rise of productive capacity and upscaling of vaccination production is required as well as setting up additional chains of production when needed. All of these challenges require the collective effort and cooperation of various stakeholder groups.**

**In the current environment, tackling the complex economic, social and environmental challenges is only possible on the basis of inclusive public policies. Therefore, rebuilding the economic and social resilience of the Polish economy is to be helped by increasing policy coherence for sustainable development. We will strive to ensure full policy coherence and strengthen the capacity of civil servants to enhance their preparedness for future emergencies so that solutions to them are in line with the idea of sustainable development.**

*We also note with appreciation the re-election of Mr. Antonio Guterres as UN Secretary General. We believe that under His leadership the United Nations will continue to support activities aimed at achieving the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs as well as undertake new and inspiring activities in the post-pandemic period.*

**Yours sincerely**

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