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"Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including
through the global partnership for development"

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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the outset I would like to express my country's full recognition for the AMB which aligns with

Albania aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of Portugal on behalf

While welcoming the positive signal that comes from the report of the SO on the fact that the absolute poverty continues to decline in the global level we remain very concerned for the low expectations in the sub-Saharan Africa. This part of the world should not stop being considered as a priority for the concerted efforts.

We also believe that poverty and hunger have multidimensional root causes and symptoms and efforts to eradicate require simultaneous progress in all the combined areas with measurable goals and indicators. This assumption is compatible with the theme of this AMB because only through concerted efforts in a global level with responsible and accountable national governments we could achieve the eradication of poverty and hunger and the MDGs on time.

We have considered the global partnership and cooperation as an interlinked process where the donor countries and agencies work complementarily with the recipient countries. My country is one of the best examples of that. The Albanian government in close cooperation with international donors and financial agencies has been addressing many crucial problems in

that has Albania which was gradually transformed into a process of rural urbanization and development. Albanian government in cooperation with donors has designed strategies for integrating this population. This is a process of recognition of the magnitude, of a political will and courage to do that despite the short term multiple cost of establishing reliable bridges of

Albania shares the premise that the primary responsibility for development lies with the country itself, even going the extra mile. However, in building a more effective global partnership for development, the voices of all stakeholders can and have to be heard in global dialogue and policy making to contribute and be responsible for the destiny of our common world.

Mr. President

After a decade of intensive attention paid to meet essential development problems, Albania has included: managerial integrity, the administrative, economic, financial, and law enforcement of rule of law, and strengthen service delivery, voice and quality and quantity of human capital. The fight against corruption, and social sector coverage in a few other areas. Furthermore, Albanian government has been seriously engaged in designing national action plans in an area which best illustrates the need for global partnership, as the burning is not national but global. In this regard, we believe that effective actions at the international and regional level should be accelerated as part not only of a long term strategy but also as part of a short term action-plans to combat climate change.

In this regard, the global partnership for Albania has been translated into closer ties of cooperation such as the signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU that is a national corner. Albania has offered to be among the first to implement the One UN pilot project. This is an implementation of recognized principles into an effective and efficient delivery.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate once again the serious commitment of my country to partnership to meet the MDG's not only in the national but also in the regional and international level.

Thank you

