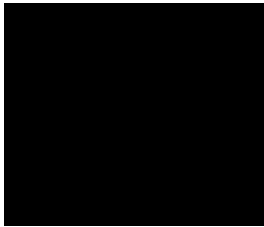


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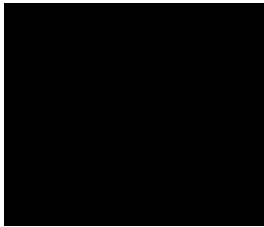


We must do more to fulfil our commitment to address IFFs as outlined in the 2030 Agenda. Without a change, we will fail to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Financial accountability, transparency and integrity systems can help countries prevent the drain of important and limited resources.

Excellencies,

The United Nations General Assembly acknowledges that to combat illicit financial flows a range of actions are required, including deterring, detecting, preventing and countering such flows in source, transit and destination. The United Nations General Assembly also acknowledges that the drain of important and limited resources is a significant challenge for many countries.



Excellencies,

As the UN75 Declaration makes clear, the three pillars of the United Nations, peace and security, sustainable development and human rights are equally important, interrelated, and interdependent. One cannot progress without the others.

Enhancing peace and security, whether through disarmament or other means, will contribute to sustainable developments gains, as recognized in Article 26 of the UN Charter. And as security issues disproportionately affect the most vulnerable, addressing them can have an enormous positive impact on the people's lives who are most in need of assistance.

I welcome the steps taken to address Africa's traditional security challenges, such as the deployment of robust peace support operations that have improved protections of vulnerable populations, reduced violence and terrorism and created the conditions for meaningful political processes and sustainable peace and development.

Excellencies,





Thank you.