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Honorable Secretary-General,
Distinguished Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my honor and pleasure to address the Transforming
Education Summit (TES), which has provided an excellent
platform for acknowledging the importance of education as T
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development.

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The Government of Georgia believes that inclusive, equitable,
high-quality education is a fundamental human right and
recognizes the importance of promoting lifelong learning
opportunities for all. We have thus elevated education as one of
our top strategic priorities. Education creates a foundation for
personal growth and professional development for every
individual, which in turn strengthens our nations.

We acknowledge that it is vital to enable students to access
preschool, general, vocational, and higher education without any
barriers and to equip themselves with the life skills and
competences through competitive and student-oriented
education systems. Investment in science, technology and
innovation is essential for sustainable economic and social
progress.

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The long-term education policy of the Government of Georgia is
built on three main pillars: Quality, Equity, and Good
Governance. The goals and strategic objectives resonate with five
thematic action tracks highlighted in the report of the

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by the Ministry of Education and Science and Georgian Public
Broadcasting. The programs continue to grow in popularity and
serve the best interest of our society as a whole. And, I am proud
to share that Georgia's efforts and success in introducing distance
learning was acknowledged by the international community.

Global education challenges remain related to accessibility and
equity, to which Georgia is not immune. We must persevere to
close the digital divide, with particular attention to schools
located in remote areas and those serving socio-economically
disadvantaged communities, students with disabilities, ethnic
minorities, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and refugees.

Our country, like so many of those I see in this room, has seen
firsthand the difficulty faced by internally displaced persons and
refugees. We know that among the complex needs of these
communities, ensuring access to quality education and providing
comprehensive support to students is critical. Continuing
educational pursuits can provide a sense of normality in times of

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crisis and equips these members of our international community
with tools they will need to be successful.

In Georgia, we are prioritizing educational support for students
in our occupied territories where the ongoing Russian occupation
has disrupted many parts of daily life. Additionally, we have
successfully placed in Georgian schools more than 1,500
Ukrainian students who were forced to flee due to Russian
aggression. To do so we established streamlined enrollment
procedures and provided general education in the Ukrainian
language according to standard Ukrainian curriculums with the
help of qualified specialists. Additionally, Ukrainian students
pursuing higher education in Georgia can now do so without
passing National Examinations.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We are determined to reduce social, cultural, and financial
barriers by providing access to preschool, general, vocational, and

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higher education without hindrance. We will also provide
scientific research opportunities for the younger generation.
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Distinguished audience, in conclusion, let me underscore the
importance of UN-led international cooperation to transform
education for a better shared future, peace, and prosperity.
Georgia is proud to join our peers here today, who have
committed to empowering their communities through education.
With joint efforts and international consolidation, we will chase
the momentum for education and the humanity.

Thank you!