



I would like to begin by extending my heartfelt congratulations to you for convening this timely Summit of the Future. The Summit would offer the most needed opportunity for us to renew our commitment and shared aspiration to seek the most appropriate solutions to the ongoing global problems and challenges.

In the current context of multi-faceted challenges, effective cooperation is a must to ensure both our survival and progress. We must redouble our effort to restore trust and confidence and to revitalize the international cooperation frameworks that are adaptable to the complexities of today's geopolitical, economic, and environmental landscapes.

The Lao PDR believes that the three pillars of sustainable development and the principles of peace and security are interrelated and mutually reinforcing. The achievement of one is contingent on the stability of the other. Therefore, we pledge our commitment to fostering global peace, security, and stability in alignment with the UN Charter and international law. Therefore, we endorse the 'Pact for the Future', that embodies 58 forward-thinking actions, which will not only rejuvenate our collective pursuit but also forge a more robust mechanism to 1) expedite SDG implementation through improved financing, 2) nurture the maintenance of international peace and security, 3) bolster science, technology, and innovation (STI) in tandem with digital cooperation, 4) safeguard the needs of future generations, and 5) reform global governance where necessary.

The Lao PDR is deeply concerned by the increased SDG financing gap. We must acknowledge the urgency to provide predictable, sustainable, and adequate development finance from



Moreover, we also call for an urgent reform of the international financial architecture