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Mr. President,

Mr. Secretary-

Excellencies,

5. However, our efforts will be futile, if the persisting threefold challenges are not addressed.

6. These challenges are food security, access to education and climate change, which are among the key thrusts in the Sustainable Development Goals, that are severely lagging behind.

7. By 2050, our planet will be a home to a population of 10 billion people. How will we feed the world then, if we cannot do so now?

8. Education is the tool to address inequality. Empowerment through knowledge will emancipate the underprivileged, lifting them out of poverty.

9. Yet, in the Global South, millions of children are deprived of this very fundamental right - the right to education.

10. We must break barriers, and ensure access, quality and affordability. The global community must democratize education.

11. The Global Digital Compact is crucial to address the digital divide. This includes creating adequate digital infrastructure to ensure education for all.

12. Climate crisis is not a distant threat. It's here, it's real, and it's affecting us with floods and forest fires, resulting in among others, famine. We have no choice but to act on it.

13. The solution is also contingent upon adequate climate financing as well as technology transfer and innovation.

14. Malaysia believes that we should strive for a Green Development Pact that



21. As we embark on this journey, let us remember that this is not a competition, but a shared battle against prevailing challenges.

22. Malaysia supports the transformation of global governance. We call for a renewed approach to multilateralism, grounded in inclusivity, justice and accountability.

I thank you.

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