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Excellencies, Speakers and Panelists, Representatives of CSOs, Private Sector, Academia, National and International Media.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed you all to our beautiful country for this landmark global conference on the Agenda 2030. Today we have made ground and laid a solid foundation for the implementation of the SDGs globally but also in particular in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States.

I sincerely hope the Timor-Leste's Roadmap for SDGs implementation in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States we have today presented will serve as a useful tool not just for our country in the way we go ahead with the implementation of the SDGs but also as part of other regional and international roadmaps serving the same universal goals we as a world of nations subscribed to in 2015.

We are all in agreement that peace ^{is} the precursor for sustainable development, and that development is sustained by peace. Notwithstanding we also recognize the need for a common framework of greater accountability and understanding between states and citizens.

I have been encouraged by the commitment of global participants at this conference and the discussions about what might be the best approaches to use to achieve the SDGs, individually and collectively, whilst at the same time addressing development challenges facing fragile and conflict-affected states and the commitments made to ensuring the 2030 Agenda.

The SDGs Roadmap presented here today is Timor-Leste's attempt at creating a clearer path that is in line and aligned with our own national development plans and strategies, thus cementing the notion that development that is nationally owned and led and implemented while using where possible, national systems has a much better chance at becoming sustainable.

In developing Timor-Leste's road map we took into account our own country's context and likewise other nations' roadmaps need to be adapted to the particular contexts of nations wanting to develop roadmaps on how they wish to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The ~~universal SDGs 17 Goals~~ ^{Should} can be adapted to the local context and this is something important that can be taken away from today's discussions, regardless of where in the New Deal fragility spectrum nations may be positioned.

This is a roadmap that will serve first and foremost the people and that will attempt to respond to the urgent needs of citizens as a key priority for fragile and conflict affected states.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your participation at this event and I wish you continued fruitful deliberations and conversations tomorrow during the 2nd day of this Conference but also moving forward ^{to} implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you.