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- Mr. President, dear panelists and lead discussants, I thank you for convening this important meeting.
- Five years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the world is out of the way to achieve most of its objectives and goals.
- In 10 years, we will have to eradicate poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and face climate change. This will be a Decade of Action in a post – COVID 19 context with enormous challenges for our countries.
- My government believes in the multilateralism, and for that reason it is necessary to work on multilateral governance proposals so that States can work together on global solutions, based on science and focused on people, capable of facing future threats such as COVID-19.

- Also, It is necessary to address the links between the 17 SDGs and promote synergies between cross-cutting issues. This is the best way to implement the transformations necessary for a more resilient world.
- In this way, as a good practice Colombia has invested nearly US \$ 5.7 Billion to improve our health system. My Government has also provided financial aid to more than 10 million families (around 11% of our GDP) and has established a VAT exemption scheme in special circumstances in order to support the most vulnerable.
- Besides, It is essential to guarantee the sustainability of the food supply chain to preserve food security and the level of nutrition of the population. Colombia as a middle income country, support for small farmers becomes essential.
- Additionally, my country boost the protection of private sector, especially MyPIMES and entrepreneurs, by creating business ecosystems based on innovation. This strategy is a key element of our recovery process.

Mr. President,

- Only by persevering in the values of international solidarity and promoting multilateral action, with the purpose of building a more equitable, sustainable and resilient future, we Leave No One Behind in these times of crisis.

Thank you