Honorable delegates and distinguished colleagues,

Today, I stand before you as the representative of Uzbekistan, a nation committed to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It is an honor to address this esteemed gathering and share our progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Uzbekistan recognizes the significance of the 2030 Agenda and the transformative potential it holds for our country and the world. We firmly believe that the path to sustainable development lies in the effective implementation of national strategies and policies. That is why we have embraced the voluntary national review process as a means to assess our progress, identify challenges, and chart a course towards a better future.

In this journey, Uzbekistan has already taken significant strides. We have successfully conducted two voluntary national reviews, the first in 2020 and the second in 2023. These reviews have provided us with invaluable insights into the areas where we have made remarkable progress and the areas that require further attention.

Through our voluntary national reviews, we have showcased the efforts made by Uzbekistan in various sectors. We have strengthened our commitment to eradicating poverty, promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and ensuring social well-being for all our citizens. We have focused on enhancing education, healthcare, and gender equality, recognizing that these are fundamental pillars for achieving sustainable development.

Moreover, Uzbekistan has prioritized environmental sustainability, taking significant steps towards mitigating climate change, preserving biodiversity, and promoting clean energy. We have also placed great emphasis on building resilient infrastructure and fostering innovation to drive economic growth and create opportunities for our people.

During the High-Level Political Week of the United Nations (UN), held in September last year, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres noted that although the world community is in the middle of implementing the global agenda, only 15% of the goals have been achieved.
Despite the challenging global situation regarding the achievement of the SDGs, Uzbekistan has already made significant strides by accomplishing 45% of the goals within this timeframe. Furthermore, there is encouraging progress in 32% of the remaining 55%.

However, we acknowledge that challenges persist on our path towards the 2030 Agenda. We are determined to address these challenges head-on, guided by the principles of transparency, inclusivity, and accountability. We will continue to engage stakeholders, including civil society organizations, the private sector, and international partners, to ensure a collaborative approach in achieving our sustainable development goals.

In conclusion, Uzbekistan remains steadfast in its commitment to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through voluntary national reviews. We are proud of the progress we have made, as showcased in our two VNRs issued in 2020 and 2023. Together, let us forge ahead, united in our pursuit of a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Thank you for your attention.