



Even before COVID-19 Pandemic, we were on track to achieve of the (SDGs) by 2030.

Now, due to the adverse effects of the pandemic, we are even in some areas.

So, we need to , make sure to and the the

Excellencies, Colleagues,

remains a central pillar of Turkish foreign policy.

Accordingly, Turkey has provided US of development assistance to the LDCs over the last decade (2009-2019).

(ODA) remains an important source of external financing for the sustainable development of LDCs and their immediate response to the pandemic.

Hence, we all need to in the face of this crisis as part of a more comprehensive and systematic multilateral response.

Furthermore, in many parts of the world, including the LDCs, diagnostic and basic are still to fight the spread of the virus and ensure effective medical responses.

, we are doing our best: We responded to medical equipment requests of ,

, and 7 international organizations. (Turkey has ranked second in the world in this category of aid.)

In the meantime, in order to increase local production of essential medical technologies in developing countries, the UN that launched a “ (TAP)” (in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNDP and UNCTAD),

The initiative brings together

And to keep the vulnerable groups, including the LDCs, of our work, especially in these testing times.

Excellencies, dear friends,

Turkey is the few years the 2007-08

The will take place again at a time (postponed to 2022) when our world is recovering and adjusting to the dynamics of the new global economy.

Turkey has provided the and will continue to cooperate with for a successful Conference.

Less than half a year to the deadline for the implementation of the , this document the as as ever.

We have to step up action to we have to make up for the time lost along the way.

This is not only important for the LDCs, but for the world as a whole. Because, as the African proverb goes, "rain does not fall on one roof alone".

As the , Turkey will continue to be your steadfast partner in these testing times and the years ahead.

I thank you.