

Fourth, the WHO, IFIs and the pharmaceutical industry must work collectively to develop, test and produce safe, effective, and affordable **COVID-19 tests, medicines and vaccines**, in accordance with the 19 May resolution of the World Health Assembly.

Fifth, we should broadly stimulate more active **engagement of private businesses in sustainable development projects**, including through the PPPs.

Specifically, we call for more private investments to overcome **digital inequality** and inadequate Internet connectivity.

Sixth, international community must halt imposing **new trade-restrictive measures**, which have grown almost 10 times larger than two years prior. International trade should restore its genuine role as an engine for development.

All the six priorities demand a special focus on the most vulnerable groups in our societies: **women, youth, children, persons with disabilities and older persons**.

Excellencies,

I would now like to say a few words in my **national capacity**.

Kazakhstan has financially contributed to the **Global Humanitarian Response Plan** and provided **humanitarian assistance** to several countries to tackle the virus.

We stand ready to further utilize **the 16 UN Agencies in Almaty** to facilitate coordination across Central Asia for SDG related experience-sharing and capacity support.

Kazakhstan is capable of contributing to global efforts in the key sectors of food security, efficient and affordable COVID-19 treatment, and mediation in conflict-resolution and peacebuilding.

To conclude, let me reiterate the unfailing support of the LLDC Member States in implementing the global development agenda.

I thank you.