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Mr. President,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen

I have the honor of bringing to you the greetings and warm wishes of His Majesty the King and the people of Bhutan.

Mr. President,

In these challenging times, the Summit of the Future shines as a beacon of hope and ambition. It embodies our collective resolve and unwavering commitment to forging a brighter, more prosperous future for all humankind.

I extend my deepest gratitude to you, Mr. President, for convening this pivotal Summit. Thank you, Secretary-General António Guterres, for your leadership in spearheading this crucial initiative. A heartfelt appreciation goes to Germany and Namibia, and all other co-facilitators of these negotiations, for providing steadfast leadership in shaping a robust Pact for the Future.

We find ourselves at a pivotal crossroads. As we reach the midpoint of our journey to 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals stand before formidable challenges. Geopolitical tensions, economic disruptions, pandemics, climate change, and natural disasters have hindered our progress. Yet, our determination remains unwavering, as embodied in the Pact for the Future.

For Bhutan, this Pact aligns well with our national aspiration to become a developed country by 2034. It reaffirms our shared vision and reinvigorates our commitment to achieving the SDGs.

To realize these ambitious goals, we must muster the political will to transcend rhetoric and to take decisive action. We must prioritize policies that serve the common good over narrow interests. And we must assure international collaboration to transform our shared aspirations into concrete achievements; to ensure the success of the Pact for the Future.

Success demands robust financial frameworks. We must guarantee that no country is left behind by providing innovative financing, equitable resource distribution, and strong partnerships.

Success requires that we bridge the digital divide. We must harness the power of technology to foster sustainable development for all countries.

Success also calls for engaging and empowering our youth. We must acknowledge that decisions we make today will inevitably shape the world they inherit in the future.

And most importantly, success hinges on a global governance structure that is inclusive, transparent, and accountable. We must guarantee peace, security, and human rights for all peoples in all countries by ensuring a multilateral system that is both robust and responsive.

Mr. President,

The magnitude of the challenges we confront calls for a renewed commitment to multilateralism and international cooperation. The United Nations remains the most important platform where nations unite to tackle these pressing issues.

No nation can address global challenges in isolation. Climate change, pandemics, and conflicts require strong, inclusive partnerships that leverage the unique strengths and perspectives of all member states.

This Summit reminds us of our collective responsibility. Our Pact is more than a document—it is a blueprint for a future where peace, human rights, and sustainable development are realized for all people.

Bhutan stands resolutely committed and ready to work alongside all member states to build a future that is equitable, sustainable, and secure for everyone.

Thank you, and Tashi Delek.