1 x Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Italy is honored
to take part as an observer to the Ministerial Meeting of the
Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) x Nothing could have prepared us for the great challenge the
world is facing during the year 2020. Yet we did not lose track
of our key targets, as we remain fully aware that
strengthening health systems, eradicating hunger, promoting
gender equality and pursuing all the other SDGs are the only
path to a sustainable world. x However complex the challenge we face may be, the fierce &
collective response of all countries gives us confidence on the
resilience of multilateralism. This is especially important to be
reminded 75 years past the end of the world war, when we
realized that we needed to be “the United Nations”. x Let me also acknowledge the cooperative spirit with which we
have continued to remotely work together these past months.
Although we could not meet in person, the use of technology
made us all more aware of how easily we could limit our
impact on the environment by adopting sustainable choices in
our day-by-day life. x This global crisis can bring about the energy needed to achieve
the Goals of the 2020 Agenda within the decade.

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x It can build the needed support for the effective realization of
the Istanbul Programme of Action and realize the outcome of
the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review, thus setting
the pace for the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed
Countries to be held in 2022.

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