## 21st Annual Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries 22 September 2022, 10.00 AM – 01.00 PM, UN-ECOSOC CHAMBERS

**Theme:** Accelerating implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and building momentum towards the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

## STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF

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Mr. Chair, Excellencies,

I would like to thank the Chair, Botswana for organizing this meeting.

I would also like to extend our congratulations to Ambassador Rabab Fatima on her appointment as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

multifaceted challenges

we continue to face.

The socio-economic crises caused by COVID-19 have placed a disproportionate impact on countries with special circumstances, particularly LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS.

The impacts of climate change, increased commodity prices, rising geopolitical tensions, and now global food insecurity further endanger development prospects.

These challenges pose a major threat to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We are off-track on almost all of the Sustainable Development Goals and have to reverse this trend to get back on track.

Due to their lack of

We invite Landlocked Developing Countries that also fall into LDC category to benefit from the services of the Bank.

Türkiye, will continue to support LLDCs in their efforts for development and better connectivity.

We are ready to share our knowledge, experience and best practices with our LLDC friends.

Thank you.