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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to thank Palestine for the excellent leadership in steering the Group of 77 this year.

2. I would also like to place on record our appreciation for the generous offer made by the Government of Uganda to host the Third South Summit in Kampala in 2019.

3. I also welcome Republic of Azerbaijan as the newest member of the G-77.

4. Today, the multiple threats to multilateralism could be countered only by renewed commitment to Internationalism. For India, which sees the whole world as our family, the promotion of the South-South cooperation remains the over-arching objective of G-77. This has also been a key principle of India's foreign policy.

5. Working together for faster and better implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement which were launched four years remain main focus of our collective efforts together.

6. In the area of renewable energy, India is partnering with France and other member countries for the success of the International Solar Alliance as a tangible contribution to the global efforts on climate action. 79 countries have already joined this Alliance, which has now been registered at the UN as a multilateral treaty.

7. India has taken initiative of launching a Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. This Coalition will assist countries in upgrading their capacities and practices for developing resilient infrastructure. It will also address the loss reduction targets under the Sendai Framework, besides contributing to climate change adaptation.

8. Translating the ambitious outcome document on South-South cooperation adopted at the BAPA+40 Conference that took place in Buenos Aires in March 2019, into concrete action remains a key priority for us.

9. The US\$ 150 million India-UN Development Partnership Fund established in 2017 in the spirit of South-South cooperation has been providing support to fellow partner countries in implementing projects that contribute to achievement of the SDGs. In just about two years, the Fund has been able to develop 38 projects in 36 partnering countries. 29 Projects are already under initiation and implementation stage with many nearing completion.

10. As I conclude, I would like to reiterate India's steadfast commitment to continue working together with our partners from the global South in the G-77 for shared prosperity, development and a better tomorrow for our citizens.

Thank You
