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I take this opportunity to, once again, congratulate the host of
the Conference, Antigua & Barbuda, for its visionary leadership.

 Now our focus must shift to implementation.

The ABAS outlines an ambitious roadmap for a prosperous and
sustainable future for the SIDS.

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to achieve the ambitious milestones set by the ABAS.

And key to that would be strengthening the SIDS Partnership
Framework and the SIDS Global Business Network and its
Forum, as outlined in

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OHRLLS is proud to spearhead the SIDS Global Business
Network, serving as a platform to foster public-private
partnerships that contribute to the ABAS.

We convened the SIDS Business Forum as a special event of the
SIDS4 Conference, supported by the Governments of Denmark
and Ireland.

At the Forum, we received invaluable insights from businesses
and investment communities, as well as outcomes and
recommendations which have been compiled into a matrix
reflecting the private sector’s priorities for the next decade.

This matrix will guide our efforts through the SIDS Global
Business Network.

We will focus on developing specific workstreams, such as
crafting a collective blue-green roadmap for SIDS, establishing an
MSME fund, devising strategies to strengthen the business
environment, and formulating a joint financing and investment
framework for SIDS.

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We will also mobilize the UN system to take leadership on
relevant areas.

My Office remains dedicated to working closely with the co-chairs to strengthen the linkages between the Network and the
SIDS Partnership Framework.

We also stand ready to support the Centre of Excellence,
including the Island Investment Forum, to ensure linkages to
the SIDS Global Business Network and its Forum.

Secondly,

To achieve the ABAS, our focus must extend to partnerships at
national and regional levels as well.

During the SIDS4 Conference, we launched the SIDS National
Focal Points (NFP) Network Engagement Strategy as a step
toward supporting the NFPs in fulfilling their roles in ABAS
implementation over the next decade.

Through this Engagement Strategy, we aim to integrate
partnership efforts into national development plans, strategies,

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I extend my congratulations in advance to the winners.

I assure you of our continued support to this process and to the
broader work of the Steering Committee, and to establishing
and enhancing partnerships in SIDS across the board.

Let me rest it here.

Thank you.