

Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the High-level dialogue of the 70th session of the UNECE

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The delegation of Kazakhstan wishes to thank the Chair and the UNECE Secretariat for organizing this timely discussion on digital and green transformation.

Ongoing global crises and economic disruptions demand more coordinated, sustainable and innovative approaches to address the challenges facing each and every member State – with no exception.

The new economic policy of Kazakhstan puts digital and green transformations at the top of its agenda. In March, our country has completed an electoral cycle that brought about profound changes in the legal and political system. In his address to the Parliament after the recent parliamentary election, President Tokayev set out new priorities in building an open, self-sufficient and competitive economy, which includes green and digital transformation.

Kazakhstan has defined the ambitious target of achieving Net Zero by 2060. In February, we have adopted our first-ever Low-Carbon Development Strategy as part of this efforts.

We have set a target of increasing our renewable energy supply from current 3% to 15% – that is at least 7 additional gigawatts by 2030.

Thus, on the sidelines of the COP27 in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Kazakhstan signed a number of agreements on development of green hydrogen production projects in our country.

We are also on track to meet our ambitious target of planting 2 billion trees by 2025.

The National Development Plan of Kazakhstan for 2021-2025 sets out concrete goals for applying green technologies in agriculture, energy, finance, and urban planning. These goals identify more specific targets in terms of air pollution, water management, waste management, biodiversity, awareness-raising and other priority fields.

The National Development Plan also acknowledges that the digitalization of society and economy is simply inevitable. The Kazakh IT market has already 10 thousand IT companies and 150 thousand employed within the industry.

Kazakhstan has already demonstrated good progress in the e-Government by rising to the 28th place in the world in the e-Government Development Index and to the 15th place in the e-Participation Index.

We will continue our efforts in digitalization to further promote good governance and improve the quality of life of our citizens.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that Kazakhstan stands ready to work with the UNECE and all Member States to accelerate partnership and fruitful cooperation in the areas of digital and green transformations.

I thank you.