

## High-level dialogue 10:20-13:00

### **Statement of the Deputy Minister Ms. Eva Volfová, Czech Republic**

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

it is a great pleasure to stand here and have an opportunity to discuss together opportunities and threats of the twin transition which is indivisible from the complex green transition. I dare to state that it is clear to us all how important it is for the societies to handle those in just and proper way.

The events of past years, first the global pandemic, now the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine have revealed the fragility of supply chains and interdependencies inherent in the global economy. In particular it has related to energy sources as well as critical raw materials and conflict minerals which are essential enablers of twin transition.

These experiences have also highlighted the need of collaboration. In this regard I would like to thank the UNECE Secretariat for the stocktaking of existing tools. Beside that I would like to praise ongoing activities at the EU level which aim to foster and accelerate the twin transition. The EU is currently developing the Digital Product Passports and enhancing eco-design requirements in order to guide its member states towards more circular economies. Only a few weeks ago a new proposal for the Directive on green claims was adopted to help consumers decide for a greener option and to avoid rampant greenwashing.

At the national level, I would like to emphasize the need of evidence-informed decision-making. An expert consortium has been established to model the impact of the European Green Deal on the Czech economy. According to the latest outputs, the Czech economy should be capable to meet the decarbonisation targets set for 2030. However, the bottleneck for achieving the 2040 and 2050 targets will be the construction sector. Again, digital twins can be very helpful to tackle this challenge.

As the second example I would like to remind the need to have unified and accessible data and data-based decisions. Without data the twin transition won't succeed. They are crucial for transparent and credible climate proofing of infrastructure projects. This climate proofing is currently being prepared in order to increase our systemic resilience. We are also analysing data on landscape to prepare acceleration areas for renewable sources of energy.

Thirdly, digital applications can facilitate responsible consumption behaviour and help to choose the right suppliers, to boost sharing economy and support circularity in terms of repairing goods.

Lastly, I feel the need to express our gratitude for the common effort to create the Global Digital Compact. Along with a Summit of the Future it should guide us through the difficult times in which uncertainties raise both from political courage to pursue long term sustainable goals and technological development.

Thank you for your attention.