Mr. President,

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add a few remarks around four topics: GDP, taxes, international financial institutions and UN budget.

Poland agrees with the calls for revisiting the **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** as an overarching indicator measuring socio-economic development of countries. We are ready to engage in the debate on the indicators complementary to GDP (in line with target 17.19 of the 2030 Agenda). This indicator is not fully objective and ignores important aspects that affect the human wellbeing or cause environmental degradation. We need to go beyond GDP and ensure indicators fit for the challenges of the 21st century, such as climate change, poverty, resource depletion, health and quality of life.

Full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs is gravely impacted by the pandemics. In order to get back on track and accelerate financing for sustainable development we need to join efforts towards the strong engagement of state actors and private sector (which remains an untapped resource of innovative solutions and additional finance).

Poland supports SG’s proposal to strengthen international cooperation to tackle tax evasion, aggressive tax avoidance, money laundering and illicit financial flows. Tax havens must be challenged, since they are incompatible with the most fundamental elements of justice, and they deprive communities, where global firms earn money, of their due taxes.

Global and digitalized economy needs international tax system reform. Reducing inequalities in wealth constitutes one of the key drivers of the tax policy in Poland, both at the international and domestic level. Over the last 5 years, Poland has made an unprecedented improvement in the **tax system efficiency**, introducing the reforms aimed at closing the tax gap and taking advantage of innovative tax technologies. The funds obtained in that way allowed to finance various ambitious social programs without increasing the fiscal burden. Poland supports the idea of **tax solidarity** - which is the cooperation between countries to prevent tax fraud by exchanging knowledge and experiences to improve the tax system efficiency.

We call for strengthened and increased collaboration between the UN, World Bank, IMF and G20 in order to ensure synergies and send the right political signals for a solid economic recovery. We recognize the efforts being made by the international financial institutions. Their role in the complex process of rebalancing the world’s economy is indispensable, enabling and assisting the governments to not only improve their sheer macroeconomic standing, but also to focus on reduction of poverty and inequality. But we expect them to be prepared for future crises as well as having capacity to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
In this context, Mr. President, Poland finds the SG proposal to hold the biennial summits of **G20, ECOSOC, SG and the heads of the international financial institutions** an interesting initiative. But it cannot be exclusive, and although driven by those bodies, must remain open for the wide membership.

Mr. President,

While we try to reimagine the shape of future global economy, we should strive to make the **United Nations and its budget** a showcase of solidarity, effectiveness and good governance. As the cash shortages hamper the Organization’s mandates implementation, we need to strongly encourage the UN Member States to pay their contributions in full, on time and without conditions.

**This year Poland is proud to be once again listed on the honor roll of the Member States that have paid their regular budget assessments in full and on time.** Polish payments to the United Nations peacekeeping operations are equally predictable. However, it should be our common ambition to achieve a state, in which the timeliness of the contributions will no longer be an issue, as the honor roll will encompass not fifty+ members of the United Nations, but all of them. To that end we will support efforts to improve the UN budget process and to ensure that the resources are used in most effective, transparent and results-focused way.

Thank you very much.