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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE ON LAUNCH OF THE 2030 VISION
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I send my warm greetings on the occasion of the launching of the *2030Vision*.

The world needs strong multi-stakeholder partnerships like *2030Vision* that focus on the technological innovations required to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Science, technology and innovation move at a rapid and accelerating pace; they do not wait for social and economic developments to catch up. Multi-stakeholder partnerships -- including the private sector, universities and research centres, the UN system and Governments -- have an important role in harnessing these advances for the benefit of everyone, everywhere.

Each partner brings value. Universities and schools document and present our knowledge of the natural world and provide a framework to organize research. Public and private research facilities can work together to develop, incubate and foster innovative technologies. Businesses and governments can provide financial backing. The UN system can facilitate international cooperation.

To help overcome the challenge of unequal access to technology, the United Nations has launched the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism, which includes a multi-stakeholder forum on Science, Technology and Innovation. I encourage you to explore this initiative to build partnerships, share best practices and disseminate scientific research.

It is essential that we nurture a new generation of scientifically literate global citizens. Young people hold the key to advancing our technology frontiers for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you for coming together to invest in bright minds and bold ideas. I welcome the *2030Vision* for its leadership and ambition towards attaining our shared goals for people and planet by 2030.