

Intervention by

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Supporting global development through international cooperation

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,

1. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Groups of 77 and China, LDCs, and LLDCs, and would like to add the following remarks in my national capacity.
2. The current global situation demonstrates that disruptions in energy and supply flows extend far beyond economic concerns. They directly affect food security, poverty reduction, social protection, and progress toward achieving the SDGs. Developing countries, especially those in vulnerable situations, continue to bear a disproportionate share of these impacts despite limited capacity to absorb repeated external shocks.
3. As both an LDC and LLDC, the Lao PDR remains particularly vulnerable to disruptions in global energy markets and supply chains. Rising fuel, transport, fertilizer, and food prices continue to place significant pressure on our economy, fiscal space, and the livelihoods of our people.
4. These challenges are compounded by our reliance on regional connectivity and cross-border trade. The effects are felt through rising import costs, inflationary pressures, higher transport and logistics expenses, and increasing constraints on agricultural productivity due to elevated energy and fertilizer prices. Disruptions in regional and global supply chains quickly translate into higher costs for essential goods and services.

5. The Lao PDR has continued to undertake measures to strengthen macroeconomic stability, improve energy efficiency, promote renewable energy development, and enhance regional connectivity and trade facilitation. We remain committed to advancing renewable energy sources, including hydro, wind, and solar power, as part of our broader sustainable development and regional cooperation objectives.
6. At the same time, we recognize that national efforts alone are not sufficient. Greater international and regional cooperation and solidarity are urgently needed. In this regard, the Lao PDR underscores the importance of scaling up concessional finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building support for developing countries, particularly countries in special situations, to strengthen energy resilience and support affordable and sustainable energy transitions in line with national circumstances and priorities.
8. In closing, the Lao PDR remains committed to working closely with the international community to strengthen international cooperation and build more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable energy and supply systems.

I thank you.