



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S  
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**Committee of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the United Nations General**  
**Assembly**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I wish to begin by congratulating you on your election as the Chair of the Second Committee. My thanks also go to all members of the Bureau. I assure you of our full support and cooperation in the discharge of your duty.
2. My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the distinguished representatives of Thailand, the Philippines and Bangladesh on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Group of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) respectively.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. The adoption of 2030 agenda for sustainable development one year ago is a historic milestone for the international community. Now it is incumbent upon us, the member states, UN agencies, international organizations and other stakeholders to translate our political commitment into concrete actions at national, regional and international level to ensure the effective implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.
4. On its part, in April this year, the Lao PDR adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> Five-Year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020), the Development Strategy 2025 and Vision 2030. The 8<sup>th</sup> Five-Year National Socio-Economic Development Plan focuses on 3 main thrusts: sustained economic growth, social development and environmental protection in order to ensure green growth and sustainable development. Therefore, the sustainable development goals have been mainstreamed into our 8<sup>th</sup> Five-Year National Socio-Economic Development Plan. In addition, to continue our efforts to clear the unexploded ordnance that continue to be major obstacle to the livelihood of the people and national development, the unfinished business of MDG-9: Reduce the Impact of UXO in Lao PDR has been carried over to the DSGs as a national DSG 18: Lives Safe from the unexploded ordnance (UXOs) which the Prime Minister of the Lao PDR and the Secretary-General of the United Nations officially launched on 7 September 2016 in Vientiane.