

U.S. Statement

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Remarks

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. Let me begin by congratulating Executive Secretary Salazar for your new position – we look forward to collaborating with you in the years to come.

The United States is more committed than ever to the success of the UN system, including the Regional Commissions, one of our preferred platforms for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Regional Commissions play a critical role in promoting development grounded in human rights and support for marginalized communities.

At their heart, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are about expanding economic opportunity, social justice, caring for our planet, good governance, and ensuring no one is left behind. That is core of the U.S. mission, as illustrated by President Biden's focus on equity and justice both at home and abroad. We applaud this session's emphasis on urgent environmental challenges and the technological revolution—both are top priorities for the United States government, and both are prominent themes in our engagement throughout the ECLAC region, including the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity and the first Cities Summit of the Americas that we will host in Denver, Colorado, in 2023.

We strongly agree with the call for collaboration throughout the Americas to tackle our shared challenges. As is often the case, vulnerable and marginalized communities are among the most affected by today's multiple crises, whether it be the pandemic, climate change, or the global food crisis exacerbated by Russia's illegal war against Ukraine.

The United States is collaborating throughout the UN system to tackle these challenges. Since February, we have announced \$10.5 billion in humanitarian and development aid to strengthen global food security, which includes President Biden's announcement of \$2.9 billion in food security assistance. On the

pandemic, last year the United States provided over \$9 billion to support global health programs, plus nearly \$16 billion for lifesaving COVID-19 assistance to partners to fight the virus and support marginalized communities. And we are standing steadfast with Ukraine in defense of territorial integrity, the UN Charter, and international law.

We are also working to expand collaboration with partners in the Regional Commissions, including ECLAC. A delegation from Washington will participate in ECLAC's Women's Conference in November, seeking out opportunities to collaborate, learn from others, and advance human rights-centered development in the region.

Let me end with a request: please, reach out to our embassies in Santiago and Buenos Aires with ideas on how we can expand our collaboration through ECLAC and team up to make the SDGs a reality. Thank you.