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Sustainable Blue Economy Conference
**"The blue economy and the 2030 agenda for sustainable
development"**

High Level Segment
"Leaders' Engagement"

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Excellencies, high authorities, brothers and sisters of the world...On behalf of President Nicolás Maduro, we wish to convey the greetings of the Venezuelan people to all the countries of the Mother Africa. We appreciate the invitation by the Government of Kenya to this important event in order to debate and look into the initiative on the “Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

1. Venezuela has always supported a balanced view about sustainable development policies, in particular, about a successful balance among its three pillars: economic, environmental and social, as well as the need of an international context enabling the social and economic development of the people of the South.
2. The main objective of our 2019-2025 Government Plan, as a guiding axis of the Venezuelan public policies, is “Preserving the life in the planet and saving the human species”, which requires the establishment of new ethics in the nature - human being relationship.
3. In this context, we consider the initiative of the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference as the beginning of a necessary space to exchange ideas and encourage our governments and other factors of the international community to debate on the principles of an inclusive economy that, at the same time, allows the preservation of our planet.
4. Venezuela considers seas and oceans as key elements of the Blue Economy Initiative. Our country has met its international obligations according to the Law of the Sea, advocating for a comprehensive development under a view of equity.
5. In the field of sustainable fishing, my Government created the Ministry of Aquaculture and Fisheries, approved the Fisheries Law and adopted the principles of the Behavior Code for Responsible Fishing and Chapter 17 of the 21 Agenda established by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

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6. Despite the challenges facing my country - due to the brutal economic blockade against the Venezuelan people - our government is implementing the Economic Recovery, Growth and Prosperity Plan, which will yield significant results in the economic field, always in harmony with the Objectives of Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda.
7. Finally, with the purpose of making progress in preserving the planet life for the present and future generations, our country considers mandatory that initiatives such as the Blue Economy follow and serve the interests of the people.

Thank you.