Closing remarks

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Slide 1 — Investment governance; planet and future of life

Excellencies, distinguished guests,

Following the remarks by His Excellency, Dr. Al Sayed, it is my pleasure to share with you a brief overview of the concrete results of the World Investment Forum across six key areas of work.

We begin with investment governance and rules. Here, we have guiding principles to modernize investment agreements, technical assistance to simplify investment procedures, and a steering committee to develop principles for responsible AI investment.

From investment rules, we turn to the planet and the future of life. The Green Zone Working Group will advance green investment. The expanded Ocean Economy and SIDS Fund starts with coastal tourism and related services in São Tomé and Príncipe. A Beyond GDP investors task force with the investor community will examine long-term value creation, human development and well-being. A joint UNCTAD–UNESCO platform will promote investment in arts, creativity and civilizations.

Slide 2 — AI and future industries; finance and business ecosystems

Our third area looks to AI and future industries. The Digital Infrastructure Investment Catalyser brings investors together around country priorities. Its checklist and forthcoming AI infrastructure playbook support planning and project development.

Our partnership with UNOOSA will help developing countries access investment opportunities in the space economy.

Our fourth area—finance and strong business ecosystems—is essential to realizing these opportunities. New Sustainable Stock Exchanges guidance advances sustainable finance. A public-sector reporting manual strengthens transparency. And the proposed Global Initiative for Investment Risk Sharing seeks to improve access to risk-mitigation instruments in underserved markets.

Slide 3 — Research and partnerships; entrepreneurship and talent

Our fifth area provides the evidence and partnerships to guide this work. New investment reports cover the Eurasian Economic Union, Caribbean and Gulf Cooperation Council. A permanent Chief Economists and Investors Dialogue sustains exchange on emerging trends. The United Nations Investment Promotion Awards recognize excellence in attracting investment in the digital economy.

The Forum also secured new partnerships with the League of Arab States, UN Tourism, the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies, the Berne Union, the GCC International Law Association, Uzbekistan, Curaçao, the Qatari Women Business Council and Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Finally, we turn to entrepreneurship and talent—the people who will build these businesses. The Global Founders Fellowship connects entrepreneurs with capital, mentorship and markets. Global Entrepreneurship Connections links founders, investors and business networks. And the ninth Women in Business Awards recognizes women entrepreneurs and pathways to international scale.

These outcomes give us a practical foundation for follow-up. Let us carry this work forward together.

Let me thank our hosts in Qatar, our partners and all participants. The World Investment Forum may be drawing to a close, but the global effort to invest in the future must begin anew.

Thank you.