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I am pleased to greet the World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum, and I welcome your discussions on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through entrepreneurship and innovation.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution provides us with a tremendous opportunity. By leveraging emerging technologies with entrepreneurial spirit and investment, we can accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is crucial as we enter the Decade of Action to Deliver the SDGs by 2030.

A 21st century entrepreneur, especially those in the technology space, has a responsibility to consider the climate, the most vulnerable, and future generations.

We face a crucial challenge: harnessing the benefits new technologies bring, while safeguarding against the risks from their misuse. The report released by my High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation earlier this year can help guide our efforts. It calls for improved connectivity, smart regulation that fosters innovation, and a global digital architecture that promotes trust, security and cooperation.

The United Nations remains a platform to draw global attention to these crucial matters and to nurture a digital future that is safe and beneficial for all. Please accept my best wishes for a successful forum.