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Distinguished participants and organizers,

On behalf of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and on my own behalf, I extend greetings to the organizers and participants of the 10th All-Russian Economic Assembly and the Anniversary Congress of the VEO of Russia, dedicated to the 260th anniversary of the VEO of Russia and the professional holiday “Economist’s Day.”

The world is experiencing a period of turbulence. This is reflected in the growing global inequality, geopolitical conflicts and imbalances in the world economy, increased tension in trade relations, and a crisis of trust in institutions of governance. These problems have been accumulating for decades. Overcoming current challenges and accelerating progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will require fundamental changes in the socioeconomic and foreign policies of states — a turn toward cooperation and interaction based on the restoration of trust. Civil society and its institutions play an important role in addressing global socioeconomic, environmental, and humanitarian issues.

Recognizing the importance of collaboration with public institutions, UN structures actively cooperate with the VEO of Russia — an organization that for more than two and a half centuries has contributed to enlightenment, global socioeconomic progress, and the advancement of scientific diplomacy, making a significant contribution to consolidating the intellectual potential of Russia and other countries to address contemporary challenges.

I sincerely congratulate the VEO of Russia on its 260th anniversary, as well as the organizers and participants of the 10th All-Russian Economic Assembly and the Anniversary Congress of the VEO of Russia — the leaders of Russian economic science, government and public figures, and international experts — on the professional holiday “Economist’s Day,” established by a decision of the Government of Russia on the date of the founding of the VEO of Russia.

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The work of economists today is more in demand than ever: these specialists make an invaluable contribution to solving practical problems of global socioeconomic development, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, restoring global trust, and paving the way toward a more sustainable and equitable world.

I sincerely wish you good health, prosperity, and continued success for the benefit of global socioeconomic progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebeca Grynspar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'R' at the beginning.

Rebeca Grynspar

Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development