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Strengthening alliances for SDG implementation:
stakeholder engagement for the 2030 Agenda

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Chair, Distinguished delegates,

Meaningful engagement of stakeholders from across all relevant sectors is a prerequisite for successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda and efficient follow-up processes.

We are pleased to be accompanied by a representative of the business sector this year. Businesses contribute significantly to the achievement of the SDGs through their innovation potential, operational efficiency, the ability to create jobs as well as long-term economic value.

I would like to invite Mr. David Vejsada, CEO of the Metropolnet company, to share his experience and perspectives on advancing smart and sustainable urban development at the local level.

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

My message is simple: a city cannot become sustainable on its own. What works is synergy — every partner doing what it does best and doing it together.

Ústí nad Labem is an industrial city of ninety thousand people, situated in a former coal mining region. We work hand in hand with our national ministries, and we build on European and national funds. With that support we have delivered a series of projects that are moving us toward a city that makes decisions based on data, not guesswork. This is Goal 17 in practice: partnership turning strategy into results.

At home, our method is centralisation of digital tools. Through our city technology company, we pool IT for the city, its schools, and its institutions. A small school that could never afford proper IT services and cybersecurity protection now has both, because we build and protect the system together. And our data stays ours: kept and safeguarded at home, never handed to anyone else's cloud. That is what earns citizens' trust.

Our plan is to connect isolated technology islands into a single secure system that serves people by 2030. Into integrated solutions for smarter energy, water, and traffic management, safeguarded by advanced cybersecurity.

From our point of view this is a pattern we see in every successful city in the Czech Republic. Sustainable cities. Effective institutions. Strong partnerships.

Thank you.