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Remarks by Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea

at the Meeting of Heads of State and Government on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond

Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Mr. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada,

Mr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Against the backdrop of a widening "corona divide," it is welcome news that the efforts of the six Discussion Groups have generated a menu of policy options to address the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

Korean New Deal

There is a saying, "In the midst of crisis lies opportunity."

The COVID-19 pandemic calls for decisive action and transformative measures as we strive to recast this crisis into an opportunity for "sustainable recovery."

With this in mind, the Korean government has already taken action. In July, it has put forth the "Korean New Deal" as the new strategy for

developing countries. Additionally, we hope to promote their rapid achievement of SDGs