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Agenda: Building Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure to Achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9.

Building resilient infrastructure, advancing sustainable industry, and encouraging innovation are all part of Goal 9. Strong infrastructure and a broad industrial base helped economies suffer less damage and recover more quickly. Higher-technology industries outperformed lower-technology industries and recovered more quickly, showing how crucial technological innovation is to reaching Goal 9.

Sweden's top priorities include improving the standards for innovation, infrastructure, and industry. We acknowledge that fulfilling SDG 9's objectives is crucial for continuing development. We have made a lot of efforts in this direction. In 2016, the government unveiled the Infrastructure for the Future - Innovative Solutions for Strengthened Competitiveness and Sustainable Development¹⁶ bill, which includes provisions to make it easier to transition to a welfare state devoid of fossil fuels, increase housing production, and improve business conditions. The government has also unveiled a plan for new industrialization called Smart Industry to boost businesses' ability to transition at the national and regional levels in fields including sustainable manufacturing and digital development. To increase Sweden's worldwide innovation, the government has also launched five cooperative programmes. Sweden has also won the EU Innovation Award for seven years running.

Through a focus on the creation of national, sustainable research systems, Sweden's development cooperation helps low-income countries enhance their capacity for higher

education and research. Additionally, Sweden funds research that is especially pertinent to the growth of low-income nations. Around SEK 1.43 billion was given in support of infrastructure projects in underdeveloped nations in 2015.

Our actions show that Sweden is moving in the right direction to meet SDG 9 objectives. Sweden is leading the worldwide push toward Industry 4.0. Manufacturers of all sizes can pave the way for a greener and smarter future by utilising the nation's automation skills, growing industrial clusters, and clean energy.