

30 October 2018

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly Resolution 72/232 entitled "Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries" of 20 December 2017 by which the General Assembly recalls its decision to convene a comprehensive high-level mid-term review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for the decade 2014–2024.

I have the honour to appoint Her Excellency Ms. Doma Tshering, Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations, and His Excellency Mr. Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental negotiations with a view to producing a Political Declaration.

I would like to thank Ambassador Tshering and Ambassador Kickert for accepting this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your fullest support and cooperation to them throughout the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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