Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that we will convene a high-level special event entitled “Time to Act Together: Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis” on Monday, 18 July 2022, at 3.00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

The global food and agricultural system, tied closely to global financial and energy markets, is currently in turmoil from an onslaught of challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and assorted supply chain disruptions and climate-induced production shocks, as well as ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

These interlinked crises have caused global food and commodity prices to skyrocket, with food prices already approaching their highest point in a decade. Hunger and malnutrition are already a bitter reality in more and more countries. In such circumstances, meaningful and principled global policy coordination is vital.

This high-level special event will foster coordinated global policy responses to the current food crisis, supported by – and in support of – the Secretary General’s Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy, and Finance. The special event will provide Member States and Observers, the UN system, and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, private sector, and academia, with an opportunity to share their initiatives, deliberate on strategies and policy options, and identify emerging areas of convergence in response to the food crisis. The concept note and programme for the event will be shared in due course.

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

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