



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 July 2022

Excellency,

I have the honour to share the summary of the fourth meeting of my Board of Advisers for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which was held at United Nations Headquarters on 6 June 2022, and focused on the theme ‘Responding to the Needs of the Planet’.

The 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly is a “super session” for nature, as a number of environment-related conferences, including COP26 on Climate Change, COP15 on Biological Diversity, COP15 on Desertification, the 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference, the UN Environment Assembly 5.2, and the International Meeting entitled “Stockholm+50” commemorating the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, are being held during this period. In light of these inter-related conferences, I will hold an event on 19 July 2022 entitled ‘Moment for Nature’ to support the achievement of the level of cohesion needed among the global environmental work streams to keep the 1.5 degrees target alive and rapidly accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS contribute the least to, but are often on the front lines of the climate crisis, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, and desertification. Without addressing these environmental issues and their socio-economic consequences, these countries will certainly lag behind in achieving the SDGs. At the fourth meeting, the Members of the Board reflected on the issue of environment and nature from the perspective of LLS countries, and provide concrete suggestions on preparations for the ‘Moment for Nature’ and other engagements on the environment.

For further information pertaining to the Board of Advisers, your office may contact Mr. Shaoxuan Liu, Adviser (shaoxuan.liu@un.org) at my office.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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To all Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers
to the United Nations