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Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of
the state of Qatar
to the United Nations

8 May 2023

Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the 77th Session of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on the political declaration as the mandated outcome of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) when it meets under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023.

We wish to thank delegations for your constructive engagement in the process thus far. We have been encouraged by your collaborative spirit during our bilateral conversations with you, as well as during our informal consultations thus far. We are seeing a clear shared desire and sense of purpose to agree an ambitious political declaration. We have found very helpful your oral and written comments in response to the draft elements paper. We have reviewed your inputs carefully and, as co-facilitators, we are encouraged by the constructive tenor of the inputs.

We are pleased to share a zero-draft of the political declaration for your consideration. We have endeavoured to incorporate your views and perspectives into a balanced draft that we hope will serve as a sound springboard for our work going forward. We have been mindful that, as a political declaration, the text must speak to the moment, point the way forward, and avoid being overly-detailed.

In accordance with our letter dated 30 March 2023, we will convene informal consultations on Tuesday, 16 May 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where we look forward to introducing the zero draft and hearing delegations' initial views. We aim to for the next consultations, on 24 May, to serve as the occasion for further, fuller, and more substantive engagement. We are of the view that this approach will benefit our collective work.

We also invite you to submit written comments on this zero-draft. We invite you to kindly share written comments on the zero draft by Wednesday, 24 May. These written comments can be sent to Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Thani (SDGSUMMIT2023@mofa.gov.qa) and Mr. James Mulligan (james.mulligan@dfa.ie), with copy to Mr. Eric Olson (olsone@un.org).

We remain at the disposal of delegations throughout this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the months ahead. We will rely on your steadfast support and collaboration to achieve an ambitious, impactful, and consensual political declaration.

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

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