



19 July 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, during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week.

This letter is in follow up to our letter of 13 July, where we shared with you the revised draft of the political declaration. Many of you have since been in communication with us on this draft, and we have heard your views. We have appreciated the frank, constructive and open engagement with us during these past several days, as we have throughout this process, where we have sought to be available to you to listen to your comments and perspectives.

Based on the comments and views that we have heard during the last few days since the circulation of the latest draft, we have made the following edits, which we believe will bring us closer to a document agreeable to all. The changes to the previously circulated text are as follows:

- Paragraph 12: deletion of language on “considering a One Health approach”.
- Paragraph 38(g): deletion of the reference to “unhindered”.
- Paragraph 38(l): deletion of the reference to “developed countries” in the context of climate finance.

Since the outset of this process, we pledged to strive to find consensus, guided by the imperative of delivering a text that is fitting for adoption by our Heads of State and Government.

The declaration must have the 2030 Agenda at its core, yet also reflect the changed context of our world today and identify what actions must be taken if we are to achieve the SDGs.

After our many deliberations together over these past several months, we have arrived at a document that we believe is ambitious, balanced, forward-looking and action oriented, which can accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We believe that it is a political declaration that can bring everyone together in agreement by consensus. At this stage, we would request all delegations to show your maximum flexibility and come together on this text.

We would like to thank all delegations for their active engagement, constructive collaboration, and flexibility throughout the negotiations. We also thank you for the trust you have shown us, which we value highly.

We are placing this final draft under silence procedure until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 21 July 2023. We appreciate your constructive engagement and rely on your cooperation at this final stage.

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

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