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Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations



13 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.

Our shared journey began some five months ago. Since then, we have held eight consultations. We have heard a range of views from groups and delegations. We thank you for the frank, constructive and open engagement throughout the process. Staying true to the intergovernmental nature of the process, your inputs have provided the structure, substance, and emphasis of the draft text. We have also been pleased to hear the views of major groups and other stakeholders, consistent with the spirit of the 2030 Agenda. Throughout the process, we have sought to be available to you for formal and informal meetings.

At the outset of our work, 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, but reflect the changed context of our world today and identify what actions must be taken to accelerate SDG implementation.

We share with you the enclosed revised draft document of the political declaration. We have arrived at a document that we believe is ambitious, balanced, and action oriented, which can accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs.

Taking into consideration the many pressures faced by delegations during the ongoing High-Level Political Forum, we intend to place the revised draft document of the political declaration under silence procedure at 5:00 p.m. on 19 July 2023 until 21 July 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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