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Permanent Mission of Jamaica
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Excellency,

The Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process for a Declaration on Future Generations, would like to invite Permanent Representatives, Permanent Observers and delegates to an informal consultation on **Wednesday 12 July at 10:00 AM in the ECOSOC Chamber** at the UN Headquarters. This meeting will be webcast on UN Web TV.

We are sharing a draft issues paper, which proposes a set of guiding principles for the Declaration on Future Generations, for your consideration at this meeting. It reflects the work that we have done in this process in the past year. This draft issues paper will be presented to the President of the General Assembly and is intended to serve as a stepping stone towards the intergovernmental negotiating process for the Declaration on Future Generations. With this in mind, we look forward to receive your feedback on the draft issues paper.

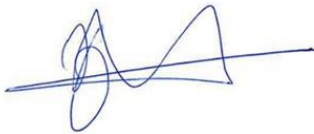
We also encourage Member States and Observers to continue to bear in mind the assumptions that the co-facilitators proposed regarding the Declaration on Future Generations. We kindly refer to the previously shared [concept note](#):

1. The Declaration on Future Generations is a starting point. As we will be succeeded by coming generations, the Declaration would need a periodic follow up to ensure the commitment is kept alive by succeeding generations.
2. The commitment to future generations should be an underlying consideration for all policy and decision making and should therefore not attempt to list priority areas for future generations.
3. The Declaration should be short and concise focusing on:

- a. a commitment to the principles that must be followed to safeguard the interests of future generations
 - b. action-oriented steps to implement and monitor implementation of the commitment to future generations
4. The Declaration will support acceleration of the achievement of the SDGs by taking the interests of future generations into account in policy and decision making. This includes taking decisions for the benefit of today's generation and that will, in turn, create a foundation for and protect and preserve the interests of future generations. Simultaneously, the Declaration can support the development of thinking beyond the 2030 Agenda.

We look forward to your participation.

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



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