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Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations



**Permanent Mission of
the state of Qatar
to the United Nations**

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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 correspondence is in follow up to our letter of 25 August and the several engagements and outreach we have made with the aim of closing the gap and reaching consensus on a draft text. Based on this feedback, we have made modest adjustments to four paragraphs of the draft which was placed under silence procedure on 19 July. We believe these adjustments maintain the integrity and ambition of the draft declaration, while also bridging the remaining gaps. Adjustments have been made to four sub-paragraphs in Paragraph 38t, namely sub-paragraphs ii; vii; viii; and ix. These adjustments are reflected in the attached final draft.

Since the outset of this process, we pledged to work with all delegations to develop a political declaration which is ambitious, balanced, forward-looking and action oriented. We are all agreed that the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs are in jeopardy. It is our responsibility to recapture the aspiration and ambition of 2015, and reset a course toward transforming our world by 2030. A strong reaffirmation of our shared commitment to the SDGs, and a consensus based Declaration by our Heads of State and Government which illustrates our determination to accelerate implementation, is fundamental to a successful Summit this September.

We are placing this final draft under silence procedure until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 31 August 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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