

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 September 2023

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the draft of the political declaration of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit) to be held on 18 and 19 September 2023.

Following open, transparent and inclusive consultations under the leadership of H.E. Mr. Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, I have been informed that the attached text has reached the broadest possible agreement among Member States ahead of the Summit. In this regard, it is my intention to transmit the draft political declaration to the Secretariat for its further processing. I am sincerely thankful to Ambassadors Mythen and Al-Thani for their steadfast and professional stewardship of this process.

The political declaration represents the beginning of a new phase of accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda, which will have to be complemented by continuous highlevel political guidance. While it may not address all issues of importance for every delegation, the draft declaration ensures a common understanding among Member States to advance transformative actions leading up to 2030.

The SDG Summit is a time for Member States to come together and renew their shared commitment to sustainable transformation. It is a pivotal moment for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and presents a unique opportunity to engage in a more meaningful dialogue and demonstrate the political will to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for the benefit of the people we serve.

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

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