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Excellency,

I have the honour to circulate herewith information in relation to the upcoming high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit), to be held on Monday, 18 and Tuesday, 19 September 2023, at the General Assembly Hall and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York.

Enclosed is a comprehensive set of documents, which outline details for the SDG Summit:

- Preliminary Programme
- Preliminary List of Speakers Plenary and Leaders Dialogues
- Concept notes on the Leaders Dialogues
- Logistics Note

The SDG Summit is the central UN platform for leaders to provide political guidance on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs. The Summit will be the centerpiece of our work on sustainable development. The adoption of a strong political declaration will be an important signal by the Member States to kick-start the UN General Assembly High-Level Week.

In light of the overwhelming interest in the Summit and number of delegations registered, I call for your full cooperation and support to facilitate adherence to the **three-minute time limit**, including for the statements on behalf of groups of States, to ensure participation of the maximum number possible of delegations.

I look forward to participation of your Head of State or Government and I encourage all leaders to announce new commitments to accelerate the progress.

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

Dennis Francis

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