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In addition to my letters dated 10 October and 22 November 2023, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed co-facilitators and co-chairs of the following intergovernmental processes, in line with the recent mandates in relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly and with due respect to gender balance and geographical representation:

- Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 54/33, and 78/69 of 5 December 2023:
 - H.E. Ms. Elina Kalkku, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations
 - H.E. Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tōnē, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations
- Co-facilitators for the intergovernmental process to consider the recommendations presented in the final report of the High-level Panel on the Development of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for Small Island Developing States, its applicability, scope, custodianship and governance and ways to further improve it that would allow for the implementation of the index, and to report back to the General Assembly by the end of its seventy-eighth session, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/232 of 22 December 2023:
 - H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations
 - H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations
- Co-facilitators to conduct open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States to finalize the organizational arrangements, including on a possible outcome document, for the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing the existential threats posed by sea level rise, in accordance with General Assembly decision 78/544 of 16 January 2024:
 - H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
 - H.E. Ms. Carolyn Schwalger, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York I would like to thank the relevant Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives for accepting these important responsibilities. In line with the above-mentioned respective mandates, I invite co-facilitators and co-chairs to work closely with all Member States and in a coordinated manner, as well as to ensure that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in the consultations.

I also trust that you will extend your full support to the Co-facilitators and Co-Chairs and engage constructively throughout the processes to deliver on each mandate successfully.

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

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