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Excellency,

The General Assembly, in its decision 75/511 of 9 September 2021, decided to repurpose and recalibrate the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The first Pledging Conference after this decision was held on 17 May 2024 and included a panel of experts to discuss the issues and latest trends related to the funding of the United Nations development system.

The next Pledging Conference has been scheduled for 23 May 2025. This falls amid final preparations for several high-level events that include the 2025 UN Ocean Conference (9 to 13 June), the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (30 June to 3 July), the 2025 ECOSOC High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (14 to 23 July), and later the Second World Summit on Social Development (4 to 6 November). In addition, the 2025 Development Cooperation Forum (12 to 13 March) will address trends and progress in international development cooperation and the 2025 ECOSOC operational activities for development segment (20 to 22 May) is expected to contain high-level discussions on issues related to the funding of the United Nations development system, including the implementation of the funding compact.

Bearing in mind the multiple intergovernmental processes that delegations are expected to engage in over the coming months and to avoid duplication with debates that will occur in other fora, I would like to propose deferring the convening of the next UN Pledging Conference to 2026.

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



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