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Dear Mr. President

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a background note for the informal meeting of the General Assembly to be held on 24 June 2025 at 10 a.m., during which my colleagues and I will brief Member States on progress under the UN80 Initiative.

This follows the interest expressed by Member States during the informal meetings of 12 and 19 May 2025 in receiving regular updates on the Initiative.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Guy Ryder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large "G" and "R".

Guy Ryder

Under-Secretary-General for Policy

His Excellency
Mr. Philemon Yang
President of the General Assembly
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