

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26 March 2024

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 21 December 2023, I have the honour to circulate herewith a letter dated 26 March 2024 from H.E. Mr. Brian Christopher Manley Wallace, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental process on a Declaration on Future Generations.

Co-facilitators hereby circulate an updated roadmap for the intergovernmental process, as well as the zero draft of the Declaration, to be presented to delegations on 8 April 2024.

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

**Dennis Francis** 

All Permanent Representatives and

Permanent Observers to the United Nations

New York





Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations

New York, 26 March 2024

## **Intergovernmental Process for the Declaration on Future Generations**

## Presentation of the Zero Draft

Excellency,

Reference is made to the letter of the Co-Facilitators of the intergovernmental process for the Declaration on Future Generations, dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, in which we indicated our intention to share the zero draft of the Declaration by the 26th March, in advance of intergovernmental negotiations to be held between April and June 2024.

The inputs from Member States received in February 2024 form the basis for the zero draft of the Declaration on Future Generations, which you will find annexed to this letter.

We believe that this zero draft text stands as a well-balanced foundation for our intergovernmental negotiations. Our ultimate goal is to collectively adopt an ambitious, future-proof, and action-oriented Declaration on Future Generations as an annex to the Pact for the Future, at the Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024.

Taking into consideration the concerns of Member States expressed during the informal briefings with UN regional groups, we shall commence the intergovernmental process with a presentation by the Co-Facilitators of the zero draft of the Declaration on Future Generations on 8 April 2024. Member States will have the opportunity to make brief general comments at this meeting. Subsequently, Member States will be invited to submit any written inputs by 19 April 2024.

In light of this, an updated roadmap for the process is outlined below:

Date	Time	Objective	Venue
8 April 2024	3:00pm - 6:00pm	Presentation of the zero draft	Trusteeship Council Chamber
19 April 2024		Deadline for the submission of written inputs by Member States	
3 May 2024		Issuance of the compilation document along with REV1	
14 May 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm	First reading	Trusteeship Council Chamber
31 May 2024		Issuance of the REV2	
10 June 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm	Second reading	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17 June 2024		Issuance of the REV3	
26 June 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm	Third reading	Trusteeship Council Chamber

As previously stated, we will explore the feasibility of scheduling a potential fourth reading of the Declaration in July 2024, contingent upon the determination of necessity among Member States. This additional session would aim to ensure clarity and comprehensiveness of the Declaration, aligning it closely with our collective vision.

We thank you again for your trust and cooperation as we work together to achieve a meaningful and transformative Declaration that safeguards the interests of future generations.

For further questions regarding this letter and the roadmap, your delegation may contact our experts, Ms. Yanique DaCosta from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica (<u>Yanique.DaCosta@mfaft.gov.jm</u>) and Mr. Rogelio Voges from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (<u>rja.voges@minbuza.nl</u>).

We look forward to your active engagement.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yoka M.G. Brandt

Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

Brian Wallace

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