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Preparatory Process for the Summit of the Future Engagement of Major Groups and other Stakeholders and Civil Society

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The second reading of the zero draft of the Pact for the Future with Member States and Permanent Observers concluded on 3 April. We would like to extend our gratitude to Member States and civil society for their engagement and contributions to the process so far, through the official available mechanisms.

As we proceed with preparations for a revised text (Rev.1) of the Pact for the Future, we cordially invite all delegations and representatives of Major Groups and other Stakeholders and civil society to a

<u>Virtual Consultation on 17 April 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</u>

The objective of this consultation is to exchange views with MGoS and civil society on the zero draft of the Pact and to provide an update on the intergovernmental negotiations. Additionally, the consultation will provide the opportunity for Member States to articulate their vision and priorities for the Pact directly to MGoS and civil society.

We firmly believe that this format will enhance interaction and promote a direct exchange of ideas between MGoS, civil society, and delegations, thereby following the principles of inclusivity and transparency of the process. As co-facilitators, we hold the view that the integration of civil society input enriches the outcomes of the Summit, in keeping with our

- 1. Co-Chairs of the Coordination Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) (max. 5 minutes)
- 2. Representatives of individual MGoS, civil society coalitions and groups (max. 3 minutes each)
- 3. Representatives of individual NGOs, expert groups, private sector and other stakeholders (max. 2 minutes).

Furthermore, we would like to strongly encourage Member State delegations to attend the UN Civil Society Conference, scheduled to take place on 9 and 10 May 2024 in Nairobi, with a focus on the Summit of the Future. Upon invitation of the UN Department of Global Communication (DGC), as co-facilitators, we will both be attending the Conference and look forward to meeting many of you there. We believe that the conference can serve as a pivotal platform for continued discussions, contributions and raising the ambition of the process. Following the conference, we intend to organize a session in which civil society representatives present the outcomes of the conference to Member States, for their consideration for the Pact for the Future.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to all delegations, MGoS, and civil society for entrusting us with their confidence and support, and their valuable contributions as we keep working together towards achieving an ambitious outcome for the Summit of the Future.

Sincerely,

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