



Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations

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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the Economic and Social Council for the intergovernmental negotiations of the ministerial declaration of the 2024 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF). We are honored by the decision of the President of the Council to entrust us with this important responsibility at a crucial time in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We look forward to working closely with all delegations.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite you to a first meeting on Wednesday, 27 March 2024, at 3:00 p.m in Conference Room 4, to discuss the outline and main elements for the declaration.

We would be most grateful to hear the views of your delegation on any issues you consider important to be included in the declaration, addressing the theme of the 2024 ECOSOC and HLPF "*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions*". The HLPF will carry out an in-depth review of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17. To inform discussions and guide inputs, we invite your views on the following questions:

- 1) What are the main current trends, challenges and their impacts on accelerating the implementation of the SDGs?
- 2) What are the priority actions and investment pathways needed to support the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions for reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and accelerating poverty eradication?
- 3) What are the priority actions necessary for achieving Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17?
- 4) What could be key messages regarding the voluntary national reviews?

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York In the interest of an effective and efficient sharing of initial general views, we wish to propose that delegations representing groups limit their interventions to no more than seven minutes and that interventions by individual delegations be limited to five minutes. Kindly note that interpretation will be on an "as available" basis.

We also welcome your written comments on the possible structure and main elements for the declaration. We wish to kindly invite you to send these written comments by Tuesday, 2 April, to Ms. Claudia Maria Mansfield Perez (<u>cmansfield@mirex.gob.do</u>) and Ms. Rina Kristmoen (<u>rina.kristmoen@mfa.no</u>) with copy to Ms. Ling Wang (<u>wang24@un.org</u>) and Ms. Maria Lehtinen (<u>lehtinen@un.org</u>).

We very much look forward to working with you in the coming months. We will do our utmost to ensure an open, transparent and inclusive consultative process for achieving a meaningful, concise, action-oriented and consensus-based ministerial declaration.

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

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