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Déclaration de la Suisse

Dear co-facilitators,

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda is in peril. Switzerland welcomes your Elements Paper for the Ministerial Declaration which reflects a strong commitment to ambitious, fair and transformative action and the pledge to redoubling our efforts to achieve a more sustainable world.

We must use this declaration to redouble our collective commitment made at the SDG Summit and reaffirm the 2030 Agenda as our universal and indivisible roadmap towards a peaceful, healthy, sustainable future.

We must engage all relevant stakeholders through a whole-of-society approach in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including civil society, private sector, academia and youth. This must be clearly outlined in the Ministerial Declaration.

The Elements Paper is comprehensive and well-structured. We are also pleased that some of our points were taken up. We believe, however, that several elements still need to be strengthened. We will submit our concrete text proposals in writing. With regard to <u>food systems transformation</u>, some elements are missing, in particular the need to:

- Promote more policy coherence across the areas of food and agriculture, poverty alleviation, climate action and nature;
- Strengthen inclusive governance that engages all relevant sectors and actors for a whole of society approach;
- Remain committed to the implementation of the outcomes of the 2021
 Food Systems Summit, in particular the National Pathways for Food
 Systems Transformation in Support of the 2030 Agenda;
- Underline the important role that multi-stakeholder initiatives can play to promote the achievement of the SDGs.

Concerning the need to develop <u>comparable data</u> to measure the progress and help implement the SDGs, we would welcome a cross-reference to the Summit of the Future and especially the Global Digital Compact. Switzerland supports the strengthening of the capacity of national statistical offices and national data and statistical systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data and supports better and more funding for data and statistics.

On <u>Climate Action</u> (SDG 13), we would welcome a clear reference to the <u>triple planetary crisis</u> that humanity is facing consisting of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Finally we welcome how effective a tool the <u>VNRs</u> have become and welcome strengthening them in this document through more evidence-based, participatory processes.

Thank you for your attention.