

30 April 2024

Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the intergovernmental negotiations of the ministerial declaration of the 2024 high-level segment of ECOSOC and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF).

We wish to sincerely thank all delegations for your active and constructive engagement in this process thus far. We have found very helpful your responses to the draft elements paper through your statements during the second informal consultation on 19 April 2024, and through your additional written comments.

We are pleased to share a zero-draft of the ministerial declaration for your consideration. We have reviewed your inputs and proposals carefully. We have endeavored to reflect and incorporate your views and perspectives into a balanced draft that we believe would facilitate our work for reaching a consensus agreement. We hope that this zero-draft will serve as the basis for moving forward.

We would like to invite you to the next informal consultation on Tuesday, 7 May, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and on Wednesday, 8 May, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We look forward to introducing the zero-draft at the beginning of the consultations. We then intend to invite delegations to present brief general comments on the zero text, after which we will start with a paragraph-by-paragraph reading.

We also welcome your written proposals to the zero draft, on a voluntary basis, by Monday, 6 May 2024, to support the para by para negotiations.

The proposals can be sent to Ms. Claudia Maria Mansfield Perez (cmansfield@mirex.gob.do) and Ms. Rina Kristmoen (rina.kristmoen@mfa.no) with copy to Ms. Ling Wang (wang24@un.org) and Ms. Maria Lehtinen ([lehtinen@un.org](mailto:lehtinen@un.org)).

We remain available to all delegations throughout this process. We look forward to fruitful discussion during the meetings on 7 and 8 May and count on your continued cooperation.

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

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