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Permanent Mission of Ireland
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 77th Session of the General Assembly to conduct consultations on the political declaration as the mandated outcome of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) when it meets under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023, during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week.

We wish to thank delegations for the comments given on the draft elements paper during the second informal consultations on the political declaration for the SDG Summit convened on 16 March, and for the written comments that we have received on the elements paper as well as other detailed and substantive inputs submitted in anticipation of the zero draft. As co-facilitators, we are encouraged by the collaborative spirit all of you have shown to date.

We would like to inform delegations of a few updates to the proposed schedule for the negotiations.

As discussed during our informal meeting on 16 March, the Special Edition of the Secretary-General's SDG Progress Report is expected to be released on 24 April. To facilitate delegations being able to consider the contents of the report, we will share a zero draft of the political declaration at the beginning of May.

In light of this, we wish to advise you that the informal consultation previously scheduled for 14 April has been cancelled. We have also arranged to convene an additional informal meeting on 24 May. The calendar of meetings and milestones going forward has thus been adjusted to the following:

- Early May – release of zero-draft
- 16 May - informal consultations
- 24 May - informal consultations
- 2 June - informal consultations
- 9 June - informal consultations to finalize the declaration.

In the meantime, we continue to invite delegations to submit written comments and inputs on the draft elements paper to assist us in preparing the zero-draft of the political declaration.

We remain at the disposal of delegations throughout this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the months ahead towards an ambitious and consensual political declaration.

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

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