

**The Statement by the Deputy Permanent representative of the Russian Federation
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at the Informal consultations on the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit**

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The Russian delegation welcomes the efforts put by the co-facilitators distinguished PRs of the Republic of Ireland and the State of Qatar to present the Draft Elements Paper which in our view will serve a solid basis and framework for our future joint work. It is some focused issues probably not highlighted or missing from the draft that we would appreciate it if those could be taken onboard for the zero-draft and subsequent deliberations.

1. Inputs could be sought from Regional economic commissions and regional organizations integrating the sustainable development dimension in its work to introduce an overview of best practices both country-wise and at regional level. The theme for the 2023 ECOSOC and HLPF clearly speaks about the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels and regional level should be examined thoroughly.
2. Family-oriented policies should be included in the introductory part to make a link to the future generations and thus, render the eventual document more kind of forward-looking.
3. Climate – balance will have to be promoted between adaptation and mitigation, adding substantive and recently intensely discussed components of loss and damage and sustainable consumption.
4. What we didn't observe much in the draft is health. Given the priority to health issues that Member States have attached to this area of international cooperation this year we believe an imperative to bring perspectives and achievements from the 3 HLE outcomes pending deliberations on the relevant tracks.
5. As energy access and sustainable industrialization are in the centre of SDG-7/SDG-9 reviewed this year and the recent FSDR Thematic Chapter and also constitute a solid entry-point and cross-cutting area for economy transformation
6. To conclude pro-multilateral elements of refraining from coercion and protectionism, neo-colonial legacies and discrimination so that the Document can come up with the spirit of cooperation, equity and shared future

I thank you.