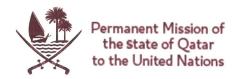


Buan-Ionad na hÉireann chun na Náisiún Aontaithe Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations



25 May 2023

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 inform you that we have postponed the informal consultations scheduled for 24 May, to facilitate full participation and engagement on the political declaration. Accordingly, our next in-person informal consultations will take place on 2 June 2023, at 10:00 a.m, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. We thank you for your understanding and solidarity as we all move forward together.

In light of this scheduling change, we would like to extend the deadline for written comments on the zero draft until the new meeting date on 2 June. These written comments can be sent to Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Thani (<u>SDGSUMMIT2023@mofa.gov.qa</u>) and Mr. James Mulligan (james.mulligan@dfa.ie), with copy to Mr. Eric Olson (<u>olsone@un.org</u>).

We also wish to inform delegations that, at our next meeting on 2 June, we would like to complete a discussion on the full zero-draft. As you are aware, the zero-draft is divided into three sections. We would like to propose that we proceed with your comments on a section-by-section basis at this next meeting. We trust that this is approach will be agreeable and will benefit our work.

We thank delegations for your constructive engagement. We remain at the disposal of delegations throughout this process and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the months ahead. We will rely on your steadfast support and collaboration to achieve an ambitious, impactful, and consensual political declaration.

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

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H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar

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