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Preparatory Process for the Summit of the Future
Engagement of Major Groups and other Stakeholders and Civil Society

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The second reading of the zero draft of the Pact for the Future with Member States and Permanent Observers concluded on 3 April. We would like to extend our gratitude to Member States and civil society for their engagement and contributions to the process so far, through the official available mechanisms.

As we proceed with preparations for a **revised text (Rev.1) of the Pact for the Future**, we cordially invite all delegations and representatives of Major Groups and other Stakeholders and civil society to a

Virtual Consultation on 17 April 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The objective of this consultation is to **exchange views with MGoS and civil society** on the zero draft of the Pact and to provide an update on the intergovernmental negotiations. Additionally, the consultation will provide the **opportunity for Member States to articulate their vision and priorities for the Pact directly to MGoS and civil society.**

We firmly believe that this format will enhance interaction and promote a direct exchange of ideas between MGoS, civil society, and delegations, thereby following the principles of inclusivity and transparency of the process. As co-facilitators, we hold the view that the integration of civil society input enriches the outcomes of the Summit, in keeping with our commitment to inclusivity and partnership.

We kindly request Member States to share this letter with relevant civil society groups and stakeholders in their respective countries. In order to ensure transparency and collective ownership, we **invite Member State and Observer delegations to join the meeting on 17 April**. Priority will be given to statements delivered on behalf of groups of States and stakeholders. Time limits of five minutes for groups and three minutes for national or individual statements will be enforced mechanically. There is no registration required for Member States and Observers, who will receive the link via e-deleGATE.

MGoS and civil society representatives interested in participating in the consultation are asked to **register via this link** (see also QR code below). A link to the virtual room will be shared with registered participants before the event. During the meeting, the Secretariat will indicate in the chat box how connected stakeholders can inscribe on the list of speakers.

To ensure a structured, equitable, and effective participation, the following **sequence of speakers** will be observed for stakeholders, with statements by groups of States and Member States interspersed throughout:

1. Co-Chairs of the Coordination Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) (max. 5 minutes)
2. Representatives of individual MGoS, civil society coalitions and groups (max. 3 minutes each)
3. Representatives of individual NGOs, expert groups, private sector and other stakeholders (max. 2 minutes).

Furthermore, we would like to strongly encourage Member State delegations to attend the **UN Civil Society Conference**, scheduled to take place on **9 and 10 May 2024 in Nairobi**, with a focus on the Summit of the Future. Upon invitation of the UN Department of Global Communication (DGC), as co-facilitators, we will both be attending the Conference and look forward to meeting many of you there. We believe that the conference can serve as a pivotal platform for continued discussions, contributions and raising the ambition of the process. Following the conference, we intend to organize a session in which civil society representatives present the outcomes of the conference to Member States, for their consideration for the Pact for the Future.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to all delegations, MGoS, and civil society for entrusting us with their confidence and support, and their valuable contributions as we keep **working together towards achieving an ambitious outcome for the Summit of the Future**.

Sincerely,



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