**Permanent Mission of Sweden**
to the United Nations, New York

**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Zambia
to the United Nations**

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Excellency,

Dear Colleagues,

Reference is made to our letter dated 15 December 2023 outlining the roadmap for informal consultations and subsequent intergovernmental negotiations on a Global Digital Compact.

The second informal consultations with Member States and observers will be convened on Thursday 29 February and with stakeholders on Friday 1 March 2024.

The informal consultations with Member States and observers on Thursday 29 February will take place in person in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (NY time). Interventions will be limited to five (5) minutes for statements on behalf of groups and three (3) minutes for statements made in national capacity. Time limits will be mechanically enforced.

As previously noted, Member States, observers and stakeholders are invited to listen to each other's exchanges: the meeting on Thursday 29 February will be webcast and interpretation will be provided on an "if available" basis. Informal consultations with stakeholders will take place virtually on 1 March 2024 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (NY time).

Priority will be given to speakers representing groups and coalitions. Interventions will be limited to five (5) minutes for statements on behalf of groups and coalitions. Participants representing individual institutions, organizations, companies, or participating in their personal capacity and wishing to intervene will be given the floor subsequently, as time permits. Such interventions will be limited to three (3) minutes. Time limits will be mechanically enforced.

Stakeholders can register their interest to speak and/or participate via this link: https://forms.office.com/e/pE5CkVe6ZZ. Contributions made during informal consultations at the previous session will inform the coming consultations and drafting process.

As indicated in our letter of 15 December 2023, a zero draft will be presented to Member States on 5 April 2024. The draft will be circulated to Member States beforehand. To inform the preparation of this draft, based on the input provided during the consultations on 12 and 13 February, we have attached possible structural elements for the Global Digital Compact noting that these do not constitute specific language proposals. We invite Member States, observers and stakeholders to provide input and comments during the consultations. Member States are requested to share their input via the e-Submit module in e-deleGATE. We encourage Member States to share their statements via the same module. Written inputs by stakeholders can be provided by 8 March via this form: http://tinyurl.com/mwzkfs3b.

We invite Member States to share this letter with relevant stakeholders in your respective countries and encourage Member States to follow the informal consultations with stakeholders on 1 March 2024.

The Secretariat will share information on how Member States and observers can connect to these consultations via e-deleGATE.

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

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**Possible elements of a Global Digital Compact**

*The below does not reflect language proposals for the zero draft*

### I. Preamble (elements as identified during the informal consultations)

- Recognition of the immense potential of digital technologies and the need to harness benefits and mitigate risks for the benefit of all.
- Reaffirmation that the foundations of strengthened digital cooperation, including the governance of emerging digital technologies, are the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Agenda 2030.
- Recognition of the role of the UN in fostering strengthened digital cooperation.

### II. Principles, as identified during the informal consultations

Digital cooperation could be guided by the following principles:

1. Close the digital divides, including gender divides.
2. Accelerate achievements of all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. Promote and protect human rights.
4. Advance an inclusive, open, safe, digital future for all.
5. Encourage innovation and participation to unlock the benefits of the digital economy for all.
6. Advance inclusive access, including knowledge, research and capacity, to digital technologies.
7. Promote responsible and accountable development, and mitigate risks, of digital technologies including AI.
8. Promote responsible and interoperable data governance.
9. Be agile and adapt to emerging and future technological change, including AI.
10. Recognize the role and responsibility of governments, as well as private sector, civil society, and the United Nations and other international organizations within their respective mandates.[1]

### III. Commitments and Actions, as identified during the informal consultations

Greater digital cooperation must deliver tangible benefits to all anchored in the protection and promotion human rights. We commit to:

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[1] Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action, 2003.

**1) Closing the digital divides and accelerating progress across the SDGs**

*Areas of potential commitments, actions and resources*

- Achieve universal, affordable and meaningful connectivity.
- Invest in literacy, skills and capacity-building.
- Accelerate access to digital technologies and innovation.
- Promote digital public infrastructure for inclusive development.

**2) Fostering an inclusive, open, safe, secure digital space**

*Areas of potential commitments, actions and resources*

- Promote a universal, free, open, interoperable, safe, reliable and secure Internet.
- Ensure that human rights are protected online and offline.
- Advance digital trust and safety, including specific measures to protect women, children, youth and persons in vulnerable situations against harms
- Promote information integrity and address misinformation and disinformation.

**3) Advancing data governance**

*Areas of potential commitments, actions and resources*

- Protect data privacy and security.
- Foster representative, interoperable and accessible data exchanges and standards.
- Harness data to track, target and accelerate progress across the SDGs.
- Promote safe, secure and trusted cross-border data flows.

**4) Governing emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, for humanity**

*Areas of potential commitments, actions and resources*

[Placeholder pending ongoing discussions.]

**IV.      Follow up and Review, as identified during the informal consultations**

Follow up and review could:

- Monitor implementation and review progress against commitments.
- Advance knowledge-sharing, best practices and access.
- Promote coherence and coordination among stakeholders.
- Foster partnerships, including south-south, triangular and public-private partnerships.
- Be inclusive and transparent.
- Build on existing mechanisms and avoid duplication.