

New York, 14 December 2023

## Preparatory Process for the Summit of the Future

Excellency,

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the constructive engagement of all delegations during our recent round of informal consultations. We are grateful for the positive and ambitious interventions at all of the consultations that have provided us with valuable inputs, as we prepare the zero draft of the Pact for the Future. It is clear that there is broad consensus around the majority of the agreed elements of the Rev 3 as a starting point for the zero draft.

As laid out in our letter of October 19, the **window for the submission of written input to the zero draft is still open until December 31, 2023**. Please be advised that written input is most helpful if it is succinct, action oriented, and follows the structure agreed on in decision 77/568. Member States are kindly invited to **submit their input through e-deleGATE**. The relevant instructions were sent out on November 8th and will be re-sent following this letter. Please also be advised that the zero draft will not be a compilation document of the proposals we have heard and received, but an ambitious and action-oriented text, in line with decision 77/568, as a starting point for intergovernmental deliberations next year.

We have also been engaging with Major Groups and other Stakeholders, civil society organizations, and representatives from academia and the private sector. More than 700 participants joined online consultations on the Summit of the Future on 13 December. We are grateful for this rich discussion that many of you followed. Stakeholders have also been invited to submit written inputs by 31 December. Those inputs will be publicly available on the Summit of the Future website. We will circulate a follow-up letter to our letter dated 13 November 2023 early in 2024, on our engagement with civil society and major groups and other stakeholders in the preparatory process of the Summit, further to resolution 76/307, as we continue to strive for an open and transparent preparatory process

Please see below a **roadmap** which will take us through the first quarter of 2024.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Submission of written input for the zero draft</b>	By Sunday, 31 December	e-deleGATE
<b>Circulation of zero draft</b>	Week of 22 January	e-deleGATE
<b>Presentation of zero draft</b>	Monday, 29 January	Trusteeship Council Chamber
<b>Submission of written input as part of the first reading</b>	By Monday, 12 February	e-deleGATE
<b>First reading</b>	Tuesday, 6 to Friday, 9 February (as needed)	ECOSOC Chamber (6-7 Feb), CR 12 (8-9 Feb)
<b>Second reading (paragraph by paragraph)</b>	Wednesday, 21 to Friday, 23 February	ECOSOC Chamber
	Monday, 26 to Wednesday, 28 February	CR 11
	Monday, 4 to Wednesday, 6 March	CR 11

We intend to start the third reading in early April, which we plan to conduct on a chapter-by-chapter basis, having allowed delegations to provide their inputs on the entirety of the text through the first and second readings. For the third reading we intend to provide 3-6 consultation days per chapter. We aim to **update the roadmap by the end of February** with information on the third reading and we will continue to update it on a rolling basis, ensuring that delegations have ample time to prepare their participation. These updates will allow us to retain flexibility to adapt the roadmap, as required, to ensure the process delivers a successful outcome.

In developing this roadmap, we have sought to **avoid duplication** with other Summit of the Future processes, as foreseen in decision 77/568. Major intergovernmental meetings in New York have also been taken into account.

Building on what was announced in our letter dated 19 October 2023, the meetings listed below will be closed. In addition to the below meetings we will provide ample opportunities for input from civil society and interaction between civil society and Member States. We will set out our plans for this in a follow-up letter to our letter dated 13 November 2023.

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

**Happy Holidays!**

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

Sincerely,

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