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**Invitation to Member States to informal consultations on the
Report of the High-Level Advisory Board (HLAB)
on April 27 3-6pm (ECOSOC Chamber) and April 28 10am-1pm (Trusteeship Council)**

Excellency,

We would like to thank delegations for their constructive engagement in the **Summit of the Future** preparatory process to date.

In Our Common Agenda, the Secretary-General issued an ambitious call to improve international cooperation through effective multilateralism. He announced the formation of a High-Level Advisory Board (HLAB) in April 2022, tasked with developing an independent report in support of this objective. The HLAB's report, [*A Breakthrough for People and Planet*](#), was published earlier today and reflects substantive research into effective multilateralism and the provision of global public goods. It includes a range of concrete recommendations for Member States' consideration ahead of the SDG Summit in 2023 and the Summit of the Future in 2024.

Following our good practice to exchange with civil society and stakeholders on the same day (see separate letter), we are inviting Permanent Representatives, Permanent Observers and delegates to an **informal consultation on the recommendations of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism on 27 April 2023, from 3-6 p.m., in the ECOSOC Chamber as well as a resumed session on 28 April, from 10am – 1pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber**. The purpose of our consultation on the 27th will be to gather Member States' views and to offer an open discussion with the Advisory Board. HLAB's co-chairs former President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former Prime Minister of Sweden, Stefan Löfven will attend the meeting and introduce the HLAB report. Provision has also been made for other Advisory Board members to attend the meeting and engage with Member States in a deep dive into the report's recommendations during the resumed session on 28th April.

A Breakthrough for People and Planet includes a number of detailed recommendations grouped under six transformational shifts as laid out also in the HLAB press statement released earlier today. These shifts aim to accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and strengthen the foundations of global cooperation on key issues of global concern.



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Member States may wish to consider the following questions to guide their interventions:

1. Which recommendations would Member States wish to see elaborated and discussed further in the context of the Summit of the Future?
2. How might the recommendations in the HLAB report help deliver the commitments made by Member States in the Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations?
3. Which recommendations in the HLAB report intersect with ongoing efforts and, if adopted at the Summit of the Future, can meaningfully accelerate Member States' efforts to bring about sustainable change?

Interventions will be limited to three minutes for statements delivered in a national capacity and to five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States. Member States are asked to submit their statements via e-Statements (estatements@un.org) for publication in the Journal of the United Nations as well as in copy to the delegations of Germany (sotf@newy.diplo.de) and Namibia (sotf@namibiaunmission.org).

The consultation will be broadcast live on <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>. Interpretation will be provided on an "if available" basis.

It is our fervent hope that the recommendations of the HLAB will further enrich our ongoing discussions to determine the scope and elements of the Summit and we look forward to hearing preliminary reactions to the content of the report.

As co-facilitators, we will continue to maintain open lines of communication and avail ourselves to engage with all Member States on substantive issues.

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

Sincerely,

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