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Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future during the 77<sup>th</sup> session.

You will recall that our task, as set out in resolution 76/307 was “*to facilitate open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental consultations on the preparatory process*” of the Summit of the Future. The resolution obliged us to provide adequate time for negotiations on the Pact for the Future.

We have now concluded our work for the 77<sup>th</sup> session, and wish to offer you our assessment of the intergovernmental consultations that we had the privilege to lead during this session. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the trust and support you and all delegations have placed in us during this process.

In our letter of 15 August 2023, we conveyed to you a draft decision that we put under silence procedure (annex 1). We believe that the draft decision, which was the result of extensive consultations conducted since April 2023, took into account the priorities and inputs of Member States in a balanced and concise manner, while providing the framework for an ambitious Pact for the Future to be negotiated in the upcoming 78<sup>th</sup> session, with adequate time for negotiations. The silence procedure pertaining to this proposed General Assembly draft decision formally concluded at 1800 EST on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to inform you that **silence was broken on six** (v, vii, viii, xii, xiii, xxiii) **of the elements in paragraph (a)**. Some delegations also pointed to omissions from the draft, such as references to the intergovernmental character of the United Nations and Unilateral Coercive Measures.

We have also taken note of several **explanations of positions** from delegations, pointing to aspects of the draft that in their opinion, and in light of silence having been broken, warrant further refinement and balance, including on human rights and gender, if the text were to be further revised.

Yet, on balance, we feel reassured and optimistic that this process has provided us with a solid basis for moving into negotiations on the Pact for the Future in the next session. Thanks to open, transparent and inclusive consultations throughout the 77<sup>th</sup> session and the very constructive and flexible approach of delegations, the **majority of the text submitted under silence was unopposed**.

Allow us to set out the **areas on which the silence procedure demonstrated that we have reached agreement**.

There was agreement among delegations on the **overall structure** of the Pact for the Future, **consisting of a Chapeau and five chapters**. Within the five chapters and the Chapeau, twenty-

four sub-paragraphs set out elements for inclusion in the Pact and, of those, silence was broken on only six whereas eighteen were overall acceptable as a compromise or gained broad support.

There was wide support for a **Chapeau** that would reaffirm the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Agenda 2030, as well as the three pillars of the United Nations. There was also support for references to poverty eradication, the UN75 Declaration, and a reaffirmation of the purpose of the Summit as originally set out in resolution 76/307 paragraph PP10 Nr.1.

On **Chapter 1** on Sustainable Development and Financing for Development, delegations agreed on a strong focus on the follow up to the SDG Summit, building on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and climate and environmental processes, with a view to accelerating the full achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They also agreed on a provision allowing for the Summit to follow up on recent UN high level meetings.

The strong engagement of all delegations around the full breadth of peace and security issues underlined the importance of a **comprehensive Chapter 2 on International Peace and Security**. There was broad support for references to inter alia peaceful settlement of disputes, refraining from the threat or use of force, conflict prevention, diplomacy and mediation, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and countering terrorism.

Throughout the consultations, broad agreement emerged on the inclusion in **Chapter 3** of the responsible use of science, technology, and innovation as well as bridging STI gaps among and within countries. There was consensus on strengthening all aspects of global digital cooperation and bridging digital divides, through the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact, to be intergovernmentally negotiated in the 78<sup>th</sup> session, and which would be annexed to the Pact for the Future if intergovernmentally agreed.

All delegations echoed the significance of promoting the meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of youth as well as the need to think and act in the interests of Future Generations, including through the elaboration of a Declaration on Future Generations to be intergovernmentally agreed, and which would be annexed to the Pact for the Future. Consequently, delegations agreed to a separate **Chapter on Youth and Future Generations**.

Many elements in **Chapter 5 on Transforming Global Governance** garnered wide support, including the reform of the three principal organs of the United Nations (Security Council, General Assembly, ECOSOC), the strengthening of the Peacebuilding Commission, the deepening of cooperation between the UN and regional organizations, the development of measures to complement or progress beyond GDP, and the reform of the international financial architecture. Consensus was also achieved on the need to foster the peaceful and sustainable use of Outer Space.

Delegations also agreed that a series of issues would be taken into account in the relevant chapters of the Pact for the the Future. These included inter alia the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and its pledge to leave no one behind, the commitment to end poverty and hunger everywhere, to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources and creating conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and



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capacities; as well as the realization of the human rights of all, the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Finally, concerning the negotiations on the Pact for the Future in the 78<sup>th</sup> session, clear consensus emerged that, to ensure a process that is streamlined and well-coordinated while also allowing for substantive engagement on different issue areas, co-facilitators and, as necessary, coordinators for each of the chapters should be appointed, and that no parallel meetings should be held.

Given this overall agreement on the decision, and the procedural nature of this proposal ahead of the negotiations of the Pact for the Future during the 78<sup>th</sup> session, **we are submitting to you, Excellency, a streamlined proposal** (annex 2). In its current form, it succinctly encapsulates only the key points upon which Member States reached broad consensus and, for paragraph (a), over which silence was not broken. As was suggested by a number of delegations in the final stage of the negotiations and with a view to preserving the consensus on the basis of which we will negotiate the Pact during the 78<sup>th</sup> session, we have taken out in this version of the proposal all elements of the Chapeau and the Chapters and left the chapter titles. We did so even though, as mentioned, silence was not broken on eighteen of the twenty-four elements in paragraph (a). As a consequence, we had to make **two technical modifications in paragraph (d)** to clarify the reference that is made there and to clarify the specific Summit in question.

We are convinced that this draft genuinely represents a positive outcome stemming from the active and constructive engagement of all delegations throughout the process. As such, it provides a firm basis and a good way forward for the forthcoming negotiations leading to the Pact for the Future in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

We also would appreciate if you could transmit the proposal that is referenced in this text and over which silence was broken as annex 1 to this letter.

**We hereby recommend, Mr. President, that the attached draft decision (annex 2) be submitted for action by the General Assembly.**

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

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