

New York, 26 January 2024

**Preparatory Process for the Summit of the Future**  
**Presentation of the Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future**

Excellency,

Dear Colleagues,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the active participation of delegations in the informal consultations in December 2023 and for their written inputs, which have greatly assisted us in developing the zero draft of the Pact for the Future.

As of 31 December 2023, we had received more than 80 inputs from delegations, amounting to approximately 620 pages, on behalf of the vast majority of the membership, either in individual or group submissions.

Your valuable inputs, both written and oral, have been the basis for the zero draft of the Pact, which you will find annexed to this letter. We believe that this text should serve as a strong starting point for our intergovernmental deliberations this year, with the ultimate aim of adopting an ambitious, concise, action-oriented Pact by consensus before the Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024, in accordance with resolution 76/307. In developing this draft, we adhered to the structure set out in the scope decision (77/568) and were further guided by Rev.3 of the draft decision. Please note that any bracketed subheadings will be removed from the final text and are only for purposes of structuring the consultations. We have sought to balance the broad range of priorities expressed by Member States, while recognizing that we could not include every issue raised during the consultations or in the written submissions.

We are also grateful for close to 500 contributions received from Major Groups and other Stakeholders as well as from a diverse array of civil society organizations, and representatives from academia and the private sector, amounting to several thousand pages of material. We invite all delegations to review relevant inputs, which will be made available on the Summit of the Future [website](#) by the end of January. Simultaneously with this letter, we have circulated another letter, outlining our engagement with Major Groups and other Stakeholders and civil society, which reflects our commitment to maintaining an open and transparent preparatory process, further to resolution 76/307.

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

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Presentation of zero draft</b>	Monday, 29 January, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Trusteeship Council Chamber (and on webcast/UN Web TV)
<b>Submission of written input as part of the first reading</b>	By Monday, 12 February	e-deleGATE
<b>First reading</b> (general comments, followed by chapter-by-chapter)	Tuesday, 6 to Friday, 9 February (as needed) (consultations on Wednesday, 7 February will start at 11:30 a.m.)	ECOSOC Chamber (6-7 Feb), CR-12 (8 Feb), CR-1 (9 Feb)

Second reading (paragraph-by-paragraph)	Wednesday, 21 (p.m. only) to Friday, 23 February	ECOSOC Chamber
	Monday, 26 to Wednesday, 28 February	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Monday, 4 to Wednesday, 6 March	CR-1

The **presentation of the zero draft on 29 January** will be webcast via [UN Web TV](#). While delegations will be invited to make a short general statement after the presentation, no detailed comments from delegations are expected. Interpretation will be made available on an “if available” basis. The meeting will end at 11:30 a.m.

For the **first reading**, starting on 6 February, we will first invite delegations to provide general comments on the zero draft. Time limits will be enforced of 5 minutes for statements on behalf of a group and 3 minutes for statements in national capacity. After hearing general comments, we will proceed to a chapter-by-chapter reading. We will keep you updated via e-deleGATE on the progress. As announced in our letter dated 14 December, Member States and Observer delegations are invited to submit their **written comments on the zero draft** of the Pact for the Future **until 12 February** through e-deleGATE. A compilation text will be circulated before the **second reading**, starting on 21 February.

As outlined in our letter dated 14 December, we intend to start the **third reading** in April. During the third reading, we will read the chapters with approximately three to six meeting days per chapter.

We aim to **update the roadmap in March** 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.

Building on what was announced in our letter dated 19 October 2023, the informal consultations, including the readings, will be **closed**. Major Groups and other Stakeholders and civil society will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the zero draft through **informal consultations on 21 February**. We strongly encourage Member States to observe these consultations.

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

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

Sincerely,



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