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Permanent Mission of Ireland
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Excellency,

We wish to thank delegations again for the substantive inputs shared and the constructive engagement at the first informal consultations on the political declaration for the SDG Summit, which took place on 3 February.

Based on all the inputs and comments received, we are pleased to share a draft elements paper for your consideration. The paper is intended to be indicative, giving a sense of possible priorities and areas of focus without prejudging forthcoming recommendations. It is meant to serve as food for thought for further deliberations. The proposal draws on the general expression at the informals that the framework of the 2019 declaration is a useful point of departure.

In this regard, we wish to invite you to the second informal meeting to discuss and hear your views on these draft elements on Thursday, 16 March 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. Comments are particularly invited on priority areas and recommendations, points that may be missing and other aspects.

We will also invite you to submit your written statements and further comments after the informal meeting so as to assist us in preparing the zero-draft for the political declaration.

We remain at the disposal of delegations throughout this process, and we look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months towards an ambitious and consensual political declaration.

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

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