



New York, 3 March 2023

Excellency,

We would like to thank delegations for their substantive inputs shared during the informal consultation with Member States on the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future, which took place on 14 February 2023. We feel encouraged by the shared recognition of the significance of reinvigorating global action towards developing effective multilateral frameworks, and your expressed commitment to constructive engagement on the way forward.

During the meeting, we outlined our proposed roadmap for a round of informal consultations, along with the policy briefs expected to be released by the Secretary-General over the first half of 2023. We consider dedicated consultations on the policy briefs to provide important input to our broader discussions on the scope and potential outcomes of the Summit of the Future. On 9 March, the Secretary-General is expected to publish a policy brief and provide a briefing to Member States on his proposal to **strengthen the international response to complex global shocks through an Emergency Platform**.

Following our 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 16 March 2023, from 3-6 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber**. The aim of this consultation will be to hear the views of Member States on the proposal for an Emergency Platform. Guy Ryder, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy, will attend the meeting. High-level representatives from UNDP, UN-OCHA and UNDRR will comment on the proposal at the beginning of the consultation.

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

- What lessons can we learn from recent complex global shocks (e.g. COVID-19, global cost of living crisis in 2022) to strengthen the international response to crises with large-scale multidimensional, multi-sectoral impacts?
- What role should the United Nations play in such crises? How can we better leverage the UN's unique convening power to tackle complex global crises?
- How can we ensure any new proposal, such as the establishment of an emergency platform, can support and bolster the work of both intergovernmental organs and specialized agencies that respond to emergencies?

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

Please rest assured that we are doing our utmost to accommodate the dates for our consultations with those of other mandated processes and high-level events of the 77th GA. The date of our consultation on 16 March has been coordinated closely with the co-facilitators of the SDG Summit, and we have agreed to both hold half-day informal consultations on the same day.

Informal consultations on the report of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism (foreseen for 27/28 April) will provide an opportunity to accommodate the request of Member States to discuss the broader scope of the Summit. In addition, an informal consultation in May will be dedicated to stocktaking and possibly identifying key themes for the Summit. 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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