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Excellency,

Following up on our letter of 5 March inviting inputs on the outline of the Ministerial Declaration of the high-level segment of the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, we are pleased to share with you a draft outline.

We have attempted to include in the enclosed outline your common points, which among others requested that the structure of the 2018 Ministerial Declaration be followed, while also including new relevant developments as shared by delegations in our meetings with respective regional groups, as well as in a meeting with major groups and other stakeholders.

In line with the announced timeline, we will convene a virtual meeting on 7 April 2021 at 10 am to listen to your comments on the draft outline to inform the content of the zero draft of the Ministerial Declaration. The weblink to access the virtual platform for the meeting will be made available in the ECOSOC meetings page on the e-deleGATE portal (select 7 April in the ECOSOC meetings page) https://edelegate.un.int/portal/ecosoc/en/ecosocmeetings. We rely on your support and cooperation in working together in a transparent and open manner to achieve an ambitious outcome of the 2021 ECOSOC session and the 2021 HLPF, with a focus on recovering better in the Decade of Action and Delivery.

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

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