



Permanent Mission of Finland  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Iraq  
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

We would like to thank you for your constructive engagement in the consultations on 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 would like to refer to our letter circulated on 16 June 2021 in which, based on your comments, we shared with you the third revised draft of the Declaration and invited you to a meeting on Thursday, 24 June. Following that meeting, we discussed selected aspects of the draft at an informal meeting at expert level on 25 June 2021.

You will remember that we informed you that those were the last two meetings and that the text would subsequently be finalized and placed under silence procedure.

Consequently, we have the honor to share the text of the Ministerial Declaration attached to this letter and to place it under silence procedure until end of business on Tuesday, 6 July 2021.

We did our best efforts to produce a text that takes into account your various positions in a balanced manner, while keeping a high level of ambition. We call on all delegations to show flexibility and join the consensus. It is the time to show that the United Nations Member States are committed to international cooperation and solidarity to overcome the crisis and realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We thank you again for your cooperation throughout this process.

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

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