Excellency,

I have the honour to invite your Government to participate in the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD 4), to be held on 22-26 July 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Member States have decided to convene FfD 4 to assess the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the first three International Conferences on Financing for Development and to address new and emerging issues, including in the context of the urgent need to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to support reform of the international financial architecture. The Conference will be held from 30 June – 3 July 2025 in Spain.

As mandated by United Nations General Assembly resolution 78/231, the first session of the FfD 4 Preparatory Committee in Addis Ababa will “review the progress and the gaps in the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, and identify actions and ideas to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.”

In this regard, the session will be a key opportunity to take stock of the outcomes of the third International Conference on Financing for Development. The discussions of the Preparatory Committee session will inform the FfD 4 outcome. The Preparatory Committee session aims to facilitate high-level Government representation to galvanize political will and ambition. In this regard, ministerial participation is strongly encouraged.

The Preparatory Committee session will feature a two-day ministerial segment, beginning with a ministerial scene-setting panel to launch the preparations for the conference with a high level of political ambition. Three days of multi-stakeholder roundtables will follow, addressing all action areas of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to assess progress made and spark new ideas to bridge remaining gaps in implementation. Concept notes will be shared as soon as possible.

Participation in FfD 4 and its preparatory process is established by the General Assembly in its resolution 78/271 on further modalities of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.
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We hereby invite you to confirm your Government's participation in the session. Please find herewith enclosed the proposed organization of work of the session to be adopted on the first day of the session. The formal registration of delegations will be required through the UN Indico platform. Instructions relating to the registration process will be released by the UN secretariat in due course.

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

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