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Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators of the outcome document of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), we have the honour to share with you the zero draft of the outcome document and a proposed roadmap for negotiations.

This zero draft builds on comments and feedback that delegations and other stakeholders provided on the elements paper in the second session of the FfD4 Preparatory Committee from 3-6 December 2024. We would like to convey again our sincere appreciation for the very constructive feedback, and we have worked to ensure that the zero draft reflects both your inputs and priorities, as well as our goal as co-facilitators to produce an ambitious and action-oriented document.

We will present the zero draft and our proposed vision for the process and roadmap for negotiations in a Permanent Representative-level briefing on Wednesday, 22 January 2025 from 10:00 to 13:00 hours in the ECOSOC Chamber, which will be broadcast on UN WebTV. While Member States are encouraged to participate at the Permanent Representative level, we will welcome statements from all delegations present. We invite initial comments on the zero draft of up to five minutes for groups of Member States and up to three minutes for individual Member States. We will convene a townhall meeting on 7 February 2025 with stakeholders.

In the third session of the Preparatory Committee from 10 to 14 February 2025, we will seek your detailed and substantive comments during a paragraph by paragraph reading of the text. These comments will inform our preparation of a first draft of the outcome document, which we intend to publish the week of 10 March 2025. Our roadmap for negotiations lays out the subsequent milestones and opportunities to forge consensus on the outcome document.

We look forward to continuing to engage with all delegations and stakeholders throughout the process.

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

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