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Excellency,

I have the honour of referring to General Assembly Resolution <u>78/231</u>, which called for convening the fourth international conference on financing for development, in 2025, "to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, identifying obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, 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.

The General Assembly also decided that the preparatory process will include up to five sessions, held in New York, Addis Ababa, and Mexico. At the organizational session of the preparatory committee on 23 February 2024, Member States further decided that a one-day multi-stakeholder hearing would be convened in October 2024. The committee further stressed the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, academia, and the private sector.

In this regard, General Assembly resolution <u>78/231</u> has "urged those countries able to, and other potential donors, to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, to facilitate a strengthened and more effective and inclusive intergovernmental process for carrying out the financing for development follow-up".

It is in this spirit that I write to respectfully solicit your Government's assistance and contribution to the DESA Financing for Development Trust Fund established to support implementation and follow-up to the international financing for development related conferences. Contributions will be used to: i) support the participation of developing countries and countries in special situations at the preparatory committee sessions and the Conference; ii) support stakeholder participation from the global South; and iii) support participation of experts, academics and think tanks to ensure the latest analysis and thinking is available to support the work of Member States.

All Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations New York For details on the funding requirements and the Trust Fund to which contributions may be sent, please contact Ms. Shari Spiegel, Director of the Financing for Development Office of UN DESA (<u>Spiegel@un.org</u>) or Ms. Birgitte Bryld, Senior Economic Affairs Officer (<u>bryld@un.org</u>).

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

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