

## **Proposals of the Russian Federation to the outline of the HLPF Ministerial Declaration-2025**

Let me share our overall vision for the document. First and foremost, we aim for a concise, yet practical and action-oriented Ministerial Declaration.

Acknowledging the current realities — such as the lack of progress in poverty eradication, rising inequalities between and among countries, new challenges to the global economy, and an imperfect global financial system — we need to address all areas of focus through this lens.

We are concerned that this year's consultations may be influenced by the outcomes of the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future. As our delegation did not join the consensus on the Pact for the Future, we will not be in a position to accept any provisions that were not agreed upon during consultations. Nevertheless, we remain committed to engaging constructively and in good faith with all delegations to ensure the inclusion of consensual and most relevant provisions of the Pact.

### Regarding SDG 3

We would like to emphasize the crucial role of the World Health Organization as the leading authority in directing and coordinating international health efforts. We also recognize the need to intensify our efforts to ensure unhindered access to safe, effective, high-quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines, as well as quality essential health-care services. These efforts are vital for achieving universal health coverage and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and targets.

### Regarding SDG 5

We believe that, in the context of this goal, family-friendly and family-oriented policies should be highlighted. Implementing such policies provides additional tools to support women, children, and young people effectively.

### Regarding SDG 8

We advocate for the inclusion of key economic and employment issues in the HLPF Declaration this year, emphasizing the importance of decent job creation and sustained, resilient economic growth. As technological advancements and artificial intelligence (AI) rapidly transform industries, new skills will be essential to ensure that workers are prepared for the changing labor market. Investing in quality education and lifelong learning is crucial to equip individuals with the digital and technical skills necessary for decent work opportunities.

Furthermore, addressing the high unemployment rates among women and youth, as well as transitioning informal employment into formal, secure jobs, is vital for inclusive and sustainable economic growth — a cornerstone for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Given the trillions of dollars needed to achieve the SDGs, financing for development — particularly the issue of debt — must also be reflected in the document. However, discussions on financing should complement ongoing negotiations without duplication, leaving substantive deliberations for the FFD4 Conference.

#### Regarding SDG 14

We would like to make a similar point regarding SDG 14. This will be comprehensively addressed in the Political Declaration of the UN Oceans Conference, which is currently under negotiation. The HLPF Political Declaration should focus on the most general issues directly related to "conserving and sustainably using life under water," strictly aligned with SDG 14 targets.

We do not support references to the BBNJ Agreement or the advisory opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea on climate change.

We ask that you avoid excessive "climatization" of the Political Declaration. The document should not prejudge the results of the ongoing process regarding the plastics treaty and should avoid the sensitive concept of the "full lifecycle of plastics."

### Data and Monitoring

I would also like to highlight the continuing need for high-quality, reliable data. This should be a crucial starting point for identifying existing gaps and challenges, formulating policy, and establishing and modernizing partnerships.

### Countries in Special Situations

The Political Declaration must address the challenges and solutions for countries in special situations, including LDCs, SIDS, and particularly LLDCs, who will have their most important conference in a decade later this year.