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Thank you, co-facilitators.

At this 10-year anniversary of the SDGs and UN@80, we are at an important point for review and action. We must all continue to support Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, and implement the Pact for the Future.

Progress has been made, but challenges persist. To accelerate progress, we must make development cooperation more effective; focus on areas which will drive swifter progress across the interlinked SDGs; and look at where the development, humanitarian and financial systems need reform.

The SDGs under review this year align closely with UK priorities on growth, health, gender equality, climate and nature action, and better partnerships.

We are committed to global economic growth through private investment, innovative financial solutions, global financial system reform, and support for decent jobs. We look forward to collective commitments on this at FFD4. We are committed to supporting gender equality, women, girls and the most marginalised, and look forward to discussing this further during CSW from next week. We are committed to global health with universal health coverage, primary healthcare and SRHR as the bedrock, critical for productive and inclusive societies. And we are committed to ambitious climate and nature action, to keep 1.5C alive, protect and restore oceans, and wider biodiversity.

As the centrepiece in the UN calendar, HLPF should support tangible actions across all connected events this year, including FfD4, UN Oceans Conference 3, Beijing+30, the Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases, COP30, and the World Social Development Summit.

We look forward to the presentation of Voluntary National Reviews. We would welcome technical and comparative discussions around these to better understand progress and commonalities between countries. We also encourage reporting on marginalised groups, to ensure no one is left behind.

We look forward to receiving the draft HLPF declaration. We agree with others that it should be concise, action-oriented, and build on existing ambition and commitments related to the focal Goals.

Finally, inclusive discussion and decision-making will be pivotal, and so we look forward to the full and meaningful participation of civil society and the private sector in the HLPF process, given their vital roles in delivering development. International financial institutions should also be part of deliberations to align our efforts with their actions.

We look forward to working with you all over the coming months.

Thank you.