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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the General Assembly resolution 76/6 of 15 November 2021 entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Our Common Agenda””, by which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to initiate a process of follow-up to enable all Member States to begin inclusive intergovernmental consideration of the various proposals, options and potential means of implementation and on ways to take them forward, in collaboration with all relevant partners through broad and inclusive consultations.

In this regard, Member States will recall that, as announced via the letter of the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly dated 6 June 2022, H.E. Mr. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations were appointed as co-facilitators to lead an intergovernmental process on a Declaration on Future Generations as part of the preparations for the Summit of the Future. Following several rounds of informal consultations, an Elements Paper was circulated by the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly via his letter dated 9 September 2022.

In order to continue the process on a Declaration on Future Generations, I have the further honour to inform you that I have re-appointed H.E. Mr. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations as co-facilitators to lead open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental consultations on a Declaration on Future Generations as part of the preparations for the Summit of the Future.

It is my true conviction that such a transformative agenda must be based on scientific evidence and data, and I would strongly encourage Member States to consider, during their consultations, all that science can offer to build a shared knowledge base and bring a common understanding. In this vein, and in line with General Assembly resolution 76/6, I invite the co-facilitators to work alongside Member States in ensuring that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in this process.

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The General Assembly requested that the Summit of the Future be well coordinated with, and complementary to, the Sustainable Development Goals Summit. Therefore, I intend to invite the co-facilitators to brief the General Committee on a regular basis to ensure coherence and coordination between the preparations for these two summits as well as the other co-facilitated processes underway this session.

I would like to thank Ambassador Satyendra Prasad and Ambassador Yoka Brandt for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the negotiation process.

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

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