

Your Excellency,

China supports the statement made by Cuba on behalf of G77 and China on the Element Paper of Political Declaration of SDG Summit, and thanks the co-facilitators for their preparation of the document. We would like to suggest some general principles that we hope will be reflected in the Political Declaration.

First, Development holds the master key to all problems, and should be prioritized at the SDG Summit. Through this Summit and the midterm review of the SDGs, we should mobilize the political will of all countries, forge broad consensus, and place development issues at the core of the UN agenda and the global macro policy framework.

Second, the Summit should prioritize key areas and effectively address pressing challenges. At present, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda is off track. The pandemic has eroded years of development gains, and risks in food, energy and financial sectors are intensifying. We should redouble our efforts in addressing poverty eradication, economic recovery, food security, energy security and other issues that are crucial to the well-being of people around the world, and on that basis, promote SDGs in the fields of economy, society and environment in a balanced manner.

Third, the Summit should actively respond to the concerns and demands of developing countries. Developing countries have been hit hard by multiple crises, and are facing great difficulties in implementing the 2030 Agenda. The Political Declaration should put first the practical needs of developing countries, promote collective actions by the international community, strengthen global partnership for development, and provide more financial, technological and capacity-building support to developing countries. It is important to accelerate the reform of the international financial system, effectively increase the representation and voice of developing countries, and invest

development resources where they are really needed, so as to ensure no one and no country is left behind.

Before concluding, I wish to stress that the consultations on the Political Declaration are aimed to strengthen the unity and collaboration of Member States, not to create or exacerbate divisions. We should advocate true multilateralism, so that this Summit will send a positive message that the international community is working together for common development and a shared future, and provide confidence and direction for the second half of the 2030 Agenda. We hope that the co-facilitators will attach importance to the views of the developing world represented by G77 and China, and lead Member States to work together for ambitious, action-oriented and positive outcomes of the Summit.

Thank you.