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Business and Industry Major Group (BIMG)

Recommendations: Informal Consultation on the HLPF Ministerial Declaration

I am Norine Kennedy, co-chair of the Business and Industry Major Group. Thank you for this opportunity to offer 2 suggestions for your consideration with respect to the Ministerial Declaration for this year's HLPF.

BIMG regards this year's HLPF as critical to reinforce inclusive multilateralism for sustainability. In deed, there is too much at stake in the 2030 Agenda not to "think outside the box" for this Ministerial Declaration as we pass the halfway point to 2030. The BIMG regards this year's HLPF as an opportunity to state a practical systems-thinking vision for what it will take to restore momentum to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

First, the Ministerial Declaration should call on all stakeholders to join with governments in redoubled collaborative action.

Business is leaning in on investment and innovation to deliver on this year's SDGs, including zero hunger and climate change, and as catalysts for other SDGs. The Business and Industry Group (BIMG) is a global constituency, with micro- and small enterprises to employers federations as well as large companies across every sector in developed and developing countries. Like other stakeholders, we are calling for ambitious people-centered inclusive outcomes of this year's HLPF leading to the UN Summit of the Future (SOTF)

The HLPF and Summit for Future must recognize and empower the private sector to be a meaningful partner not only or even primarily from the standpoint of financing and investment – the Ministerial Declaration should also invite private sector innovation, expertise, technology, fresh ideas, and diverse perspectives. We ask that the MD emphasize the value of more formal and strategic cooperation between the private and public sectors for resilience, and for preparedness and rapid response to emergencies.

Second and last: in addition to accelerating implementation towards 2030, this year's HLPF should already set the stage for a post-2030 approach to international cooperation with renewed dedication and focus on building our societies to be peaceful, resilient, and responsive to people's needs and aspirations.

Multi-stakeholder approaches working side by side with governments and the multilateral system will be key here; meaningful and ongoing engagement for all stakeholders should become the norm. All UN meetings – including the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, and next year's Social Summit, should contribute to creating and advancing coherent and concerted actions for inclusive prosperity, leaving no-one behind