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Contributions of the Co-Chairs of the Eighth annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum)

Excellency,

We wish to thank you for your letter dated 14 November 2022, in which you invited the Co-Chairs of the upcoming Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) to offer substantive inputs to the July session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

As co-chairs of the STI Forum, we are committed to ensuring that it provides relevant input to both the HLPF as well as the SDG Summit in September. We are pleased to inform you that the preparations for the Forum, to be held from 3-4 May, are under way. Please find attached a draft annotated programme. We are planning to conduct a briefing on the preparations to all Member States on 31 March at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, with the support of DESA and other members of the UN Inter-Agency Task Team on STI for the SDGs.

The mandated input of STI Forum to the HLPF will be the summary by the Co-Chairs. The summary will be finalized after the conclusion of the STI Forum. In addition, we stand ready to present the main messages and key recommendations from the Forum at the HLPF session that is dedicated to STI.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration,

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of South Africa to the United Nations,
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