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Excellencies, Co-Facilitators of the Second World Summit for Social Development,

We welcome your appointment as the Co-Facilitators of the Second World Summit for Social Development. Representing a wide range and worldwide reach of local, national and global civil society organizations we want to assure your Excellencies of our support for the success of this important Summit.

You will be aware of the sustained and extensive engagement by civil society organizations in all their diversity, with balanced participation from the global south, to shape and to implement both the 1995 Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action and the preparatory and review process of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. In partnership with the United Nations and Member States we are pleased to be able to play an active role in participating in and in implementing the global sustainable development agenda. We recall that this has been made possible for us in large part due to positive initiatives undertaken by the Member States and the United Nations over past decades.

The Summit takes forward the ongoing work of social development, which we consider to be an essential pillar to deliver the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs. We believe, based on our own broad membership, that Civil Society in all its diversity stands ready to support the summit preparation, for example in the expert groups relating to the themes, and within the roundtables at the Summit itself, and to support its outcome.

In that spirit, we would like to propose a meeting with you in July to review these ideas and how the Modalities Resolution can reflect them.

With assurances of our highest consideration, and looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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