



July 12, 2021

Your Excellencies,

In view of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for IDC5 that will be held from July 26-30, we have the honour to share with you the Zero Draft of the Doha Programme of Action for IDCs for 2022-2031 with great enthusiasm. We wish to offer our warmest thanks to the IDC Group for having come up with such a comprehensive roadmap for IDCs for the next decade.

Prior to the Second Preparatory Committee, we would like to invite you to an Informal Meeting of the Preparatory Committee on [redacted]. The purpose of the Meeting will be to proceed with an introduction of the text by the IDC Group and welcome general

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do not plan to proceed with a paragraph-by-paragraph review of the text; we will welcome general comments and reactions to the zero draft section-by-section in the following manner tentatively:

- **Monday, July 26, 3:00pm Introduction, Paragraphs 1-26**
- **Tuesday, July 27, 10:15am I. Investing in people in IDCs: Eradicating poverty and building**
- **Wednesday, July 28, 3:00pm IV. Enhancing international trade of least developed countries and regional integration, Paragraphs 155-200**
- **Thursday, July 29, 10:15am V. Addressing climate change, recovering from COVID-19 pandemic, and building resilience against future shocks, Paragraphs 201-237**

- **Thursday, July 29 30pm VI Mobilizing international solidarity, reinvigorated global partnerships and innovative tools for risk informed sustainable development - A march towards sustainable graduation, Paragraphs 238-291; and**
- **Friday, July 30 10 1pm Implementation, followup and monitoring Paragraphs 292-311.**

To complement this first reading, written proposals and submissions on the text can be submitted to Ms. Margherita Musolino (musolino@un.org). A compilation of all the submissions received will be made available here: https://www.un.org/ldc5/content/preparatory_committee_second_session

Based on written inputs received and proposals made during the Second PrepCom, a First Revision of the Draft Programme of Action will be prepared and issued as a Co-Chairs text at the end of August with a view to holding an Informal Meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

Finally, on Friday, 27 July, you are invited to a consultation with civil society organizations to share thoughts in advance of the Second Preparatory Committee Meetings. Further details of the upcoming meetings will be announced in the UN Journal.

We remain at your disposal should you have any questions or further guidance.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration,