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To Representatives of Signatories of the Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience

By email

Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,

### **Adaptation and Resilience: Call for Action**

As co-leads of the Adaptation and Resilience coalition convened by the UN Secretary-General in advance of the UN Climate Action Summit, we are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your support of the Call for Action and other initiatives launched last September and to update you on next steps.

It is hugely encouraging that the Adaptation and Resilience Call for Action has now been endorsed by over 118 countries and 86 organisations and international institutions. This sends a strong signal of the urgent need to step up action to support the most vulnerable and put climate risk at the centre of decision making.

It is clear that we have the collective willingness as well as the means and opportunity to step up preparations for the impacts of climate change and the Climate Action Summit was by no means an end in itself. It was a call for global action ahead of a critical period for climate ambition, culminating in COP26 hosted by the UK in Partnership with Italy in Glasgow.

You will already be aware that on 1 April the decision to postpone COP26 was taken by the UNFCCC Bureau along with UK and Italian partners, following careful discussion and review. Whilst the decision to postpone was regrettable, it was the right one in light of the extraordinary challenges the international community currently faces. Rescheduling will allow Member States and key stakeholders to focus fully on the issues to be discussed at this vital conference, and allow for more time for the necessary preparations to take place.

Egypt and the UK remain committed to working with countries, financial institutions and civil society organisations to build on the achievements of the Climate Action Summit ahead of COP26. We will continue to work in partnership with our coalition members (Bangladesh, Malawi, the Netherlands, Saint Lucia), the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and our

UN institutional partner, UNDP to build on the Summit outcomes and deliver tangible progress, turning the political commitments and ambition of the Call for Action into action.

Last month in New York we convened as a coalition to discuss how we can best work together to deliver further collective action and ambition on adaptation and resilience. We collectively agreed to launch a new “Friends of Climate Adaptation and Resilience” group in New York, which will act as a platform for countries to continue the dialogue on adaptation and resilience, keep-up with the latest on the matter, to share thoughts and best practices, and to demonstrate their commitment to the Call for Action and the various multi-stakeholders initiatives that were adopted by the Climate Action Summit. We will be sharing further details on this in due course and will continue to share information through a bi-monthly newsletter to keep you fully updated.

Looking ahead, we will continue to seek ways to build international momentum on adaptation and resilience, including here in New York. In the immediate term, the scope for in-person international meetings has been reduced, and we will seek to manage this as far as possible through other means such as video and phone conferences as a means to drive forward this critical work.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you on this important agenda and to making a reality of all that is outlined in our Call for Action.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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