

1 October 2025

Excellency,

I have the honour to recall that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/318, two high-level round tables will be convened during the "World Social Summit" under the title "The Second World Summit for Social Development", to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 4 to 6 November 2025.

Round table 1 on "Strengthening the three pillars of social development: poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social inclusion" will take place on 4 November 2025, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., in parallel to the afternoon plenary meeting.

**Round table 2** on "Assessing progress and addressing gaps and challenges in the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action and giving momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" will take place on **5 November 2025**, **10 a.m.** – **1 p.m.**, in parallel to the morning plenary meeting.

Pursuant to the abovementioned resolution, I will **appoint two Heads of State or Government** attending the Summit—one from a developed country and one from a developing country—to serve as **Co-Chairs for each roundtable**. It is my intention that the meetings be conducted in a multistakeholder format.



In this regard, **Member States are kindly invited to**:

A. Nominate Co-Chairs through their respective regional groups, no later than 17 October 2025, 5 p.m. New York time, and

B. Express interest in participating as a panelist or a lead discussant at one of the two roundtables (Expressions of interest for interventions will be communicated separately, together with further details on the modalities of the roundtables).

In the selection of Co-Chairs and panelists or lead discussants, priority will be assigned based on the level of representation (e.g. Heads of State or Government, Ministers, etc.). Efforts will be made to ensure gender-balanced and diverse regional representation.

For further information, your office may contact Mr. Lars Becker, Senior Advisor, in my Office by email at lars.becker@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: Chairs of Regional Groups for the month of October 2025

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