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Further to our letter dated 17 June 2022 regarding the High-level Special Event entitled “Time to Act Together: Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis,” to be held on Monday, 18 July 2022, from 3.00-6:00 p.m. (EDT) in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, we have the pleasure to enclose herewith the concept note and the preliminary programme of the event.

This event aims to foster coordinated policy responses to the current food crisis, supported by – and in support of - the UN Secretary-General’s Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy, and Finance.

Member States will have the opportunity to take the floor in the Interactive Dialogue entitled: ‘Coordinated Responses at local, national and regional levels.’ Delegations are asked to address the following questions in their interventions:

1. What are the most pressing challenges and the corresponding priority responses – strategies, policies or programs-, your country is taking to respond to the impacts of the current food crisis?
2. Which priority responses need to be pursued at the global level, including by the UN System, the International Financing Institutions and other international organizations?

Please note that there will be no pre-established list of speakers for this meeting. The speaking order will be determined based on established protocol. Time limits for interventions will be three (3) minutes for individual delegations, and five (5) minutes for interventions on behalf of a group of States. For planning purposes, Members States are invited to indicate their interest to intervene, and to include the name and level of the speakers, by not later than 8 July 2022 COB. Please inform the OPGA of high-level participation in the special event.

We kindly request delegations to participate in person and at the highest possible political level.

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