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**Minister Mr. Eamon Ryan and Minister Mr. Franz Tattenbach
Ministerial Pair for informal consultations on adaptation**

Excellencies,

At COP29, we need to reinvigorate and redouble our efforts on adaptation. Despite some progress over the recent years, global adaptation efforts significantly fall short of the growing needs and attention it deserves in the face of exacerbating climate crisis.

The outcome of the First Global Stocktake recognized that we are not on track on adaptation action, calling for an urgent and transformational progress and enhancing accessibility, timeliness, and predictability of adaptation finance in the years ahead. It also emphasized the importance of refocusing towards adaptation with National Adaptation Plans and Adaptation Communications due by 2025 being a cornerstone of these efforts.

In my First Letter to Parties and Constituencies from July 2024, I expressed my intention to appoint Ministerial Pairs to address key issues on the COP29 agenda. Following our bilateral consultations, I am pleased to announce your appointment as the Ministerial Pair on adaptation.

In this capacity, you are entrusted with steering the informal bilateral and multilateral ministerial consultations and representing me to further advance this critical task ahead of COP29. I deeply appreciate your willingness and commitment to this responsibility. This letter outlines the mandate and modalities for the consultations.

As we are approaching its midway point, the UAE-Belém Work Programme for measuring progress towards the Global Goal on Adaptation needs to sufficiently progress on development and mapping of high-quality adaptation indicators. It is of utmost importance to advance this process. It is also incumbent to draw on political encouragement and direction to overcome divergencies and attain tangible progress in implementation of adaptation, as well as scaling up adaptation finance. In this context, the ministerial consultations will provide additional opportunity for informal exchange of views before COP29.

I am committed to building momentum to enable greater action on adaptation and work with you to bridge the differences to move this agenda forward.

Scope of the ministerial consultations

I kindly request you to engage in ministerial consultations with individual Parties and all negotiating groups on key adaptation issues. These consultations should help enhance understanding about current priorities and perspectives, identify possible opportunities and barriers, and facilitate the progress on substance.

With this in mind, the consultations should be based on the following guiding questions:

- *What it takes to elevate adaptation to the level of urgency and support it demands, and to catalyze the adaptation landscape? What do you believe should be the outcomes of this first year of the UAE-Belém Work Program?*
- *Given the large diversity of modalities and channels for adaptation action and support, what arrangements can catalyze a periodic assessment of the adaptation landscape, in a way that can ensure*

synergy alignment and informed decision making?

Timeline, format, and next steps

The Ministerial Pair's consultations are set to take place over the forthcoming weeks leading up to COP29. It is our intention that your work complements the work at the technical level without duplicating existing efforts. We will also be providing a platform for Parties and the Ministerial Pair to engage on adaptation outcomes at Pre-COP on 10-11 October 2024, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

In the interest of developing a collective view on the status of the discussions and informing next steps in a coordinated manner, as the COP29 Incoming Presidency we will ensure active and close collaboration with the Adaptation Ministerial Pair, including a balanced and harmonised work with the other Ministerial Pairs.

I am certain, we will succeed with united effort, resolute commitment, and tireless dedication to accelerate lasting adaptation action and catalyse adaptation finance.

Yours truly,

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