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To the kind attention of:
Network of FfD Focal Points

Cc: Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York
United Nations Secretariat, Agencies and Programmes

Dear National FfD Focal Points,

We are writing on behalf of the Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Mechanism, a broad platform of civil society organizations, networks and movements from around the world, that have followed closely the FfD process since its origins, facilitated civil society's contribution to the FfD3 and FfD4 Conferences, and continues to provide a facilitation mechanism for the collective expression of civil society in the FfD Follow-up process.

We would like to congratulate you for the recent appointment as National Focal Point for the FfD Follow-up and would be keen to engage in a conversation with you on how to ensure that civil society can actively contribute to your mandate. As you are certainly aware, the FfD process started, from its very inception, with the full participation of civil society in the context of a wider multistakeholder engagement. As the FfD follow-up process trickled down with greater articulation at the national level, we believe it is especially essential to reaffirm civil society engagement and participation. While we do not claim to include and represent the full spectrum of civil society organizations that engage on FfD at country level, we believe it is important for you to connect with those organizations that have consistently followed up the process through the years. Furthermore, FfD is an intrinsically global normative agenda, and national follow-up should therefore remain closely interconnected with the global policy process and its related cycle.

We would like to propose the following steps to move the process forward:

- Transparently sharing the list of National Focal Points. Not only this is fundamental for democratic accountability, but it also unlocks opportunities to scale up engagement and participation. We trust this can be implemented as soon as possible. In the meantime, we would welcome your direct communication with us, so that we can start engaging together in the preparations for the intense 2027 FfD cycle;
- Scheduling an online meeting where we can introduce all of you to the work of the Mechanism and our critical concerns on the FfD Follow-up process. Such a meeting could be followed by an in-person engagement on the margins of the FfD Forum, something which could be institutionalized as a recurring component of the FfD week agenda.

We trust these proposals would resonate with you and look forward to moving together for an inclusive and vibrant FfD follow-up process.

Yours sincerely,

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