Excellency,

We are honored to invite you to the “High-Level Humanitarian Event on Anticipatory Action: A Commitment to Act Ahead of Crises” to be co-hosted by Germany, the United Kingdom and the United Nations and to be held virtually on Thursday 9 September 2021.

Global humanitarian needs are at an all-time high, driven by fragility and conflict, amplified by COVID-19 and the growing impact of climate change. Some 238 million people require humanitarian assistance in 2021 - a 40 per cent increase over last year. Extreme poverty has risen for the first time in 22 years. While Member States and partners are increasingly generous, humanitarian needs continue to outpace available funding.

Anticipatory action is a key tool in the face of rising needs. By linking forecasts and early warning to actions designed to protect communities, taking anticipatory action before shocks occur saves lives, preserves human dignity, and reduces suffering. Such an approach leads to a faster, more cost-effective, and more impactful response.

The objective of the high-level event is to catalyse a shift in the way we approach crises to ensure anticipatory action is mainstreamed, delivered at scale, and focused on where it can have most impact.

Member States and partners are strongly encouraged to participate at the ministerial level, to pledge generously and to send clear signals of support. Any contributions and pledges to Anticipatory Action from 1 January 2021, referred to at the event, will be reflected in its official documents.

We would appreciate receiving confirmation of the participation of your Government by Thursday, 29 August 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,

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