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**Rio+20: Report on Intergenerational Solidarity and Future Generations**

Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

We would like to congratulate you on your commitment and visionary leadership leading up to and during the Rio+20 Summit. Speaking on behalf of representatives of a number of the Major Groups, we would like to thank you for taking the time to formally meet with the Major Groups at the Summit. We hope your direct engagement with civil society sets the precedent for future occasions.

We were all engaged closely in Rio+20, and in particular to help promote the establishment of a High Commissioner or Ombudsperson for Future Generations to ensure intergenerational equity is an integral part of our policy making processes. We witnessed strong support for the proposal of a High Level Representative for Sustainable Development and Future Generations from many Governments, UN agencies and across all of civil society. Accordingly, we would welcome prioritisation for the report you have been invited to present in paragraph 86 of the Rio+20 outcome document entitled "The Future We Want". Sufficient resourcing and attention given to the process by which the report is written can help to increase awareness. Ultimately the report should offer a strong set of recommendations to promote this important agenda.

We would be honoured to work with you in preparing the report on Intergenerational Solidarity and Future Generations. We see great potential for this report to bring further understanding of these concepts and to propose practical mechanisms and tools by which a longer term perspective is applied. As well, the report should resonate with many of the different Rio outcomes, including new commitments on measurements to redefine growth and well being, the Sustainable Development Goals and the form and functions of the high-level forum. Working to an efficient schedule can deliver a strong report to complement the first convening of the forum at the beginning of the GA's 68<sup>th</sup> session.

In the first instance we formally request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the next steps in this important area of work.

On behalf of the undersigned organisations,

Yours sincerely



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