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Your Excellency Prime Minister Stefan Löfven,

As representatives from civil society organisations from the nine countries constituting the informal High-Level Group on the 2030 Agenda, we would like to thank you and commend you for your leadership as the initiator of the high-level group on the 2030 Agenda. The initiative presents a unique opportunity for Sweden and other members of the group to inspire, take action and give direction on the implementation of the Agenda at all levels.

Therefore, we want to take this opportunity to offer our support and collaboration to you and the other heads of states and governments in the informal High-Level Group on Agenda 2030. We are strongly committed to the implementation and realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and are actively engaged in the national, regional and global processes for the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

We are convinced that if we work together we can play a critical role in achieving the 17 sustainable development goals.

We, the undersigned organisations, are committed to making the 2030 Agenda a reality and have worked closely together on this matter in the past year, and will continue our joint efforts in 2017.

As you know, in July 2016, we presented our report *Champions to be: Making the 2030 Agenda a Reality*¹. The report focused on and analysed the implementation of the Agenda in all countries of the informal high-level group, as well as presented key recommendations for the way forward.

For 2017 we are proposing a joint meeting between governments, civil society organizations, private sector organizations and other stakeholders from the nine member states of the informal high-level group. , we turn to you to kindly **ask if the Government of Sweden would be willing to host a first and unique multi-stakeholder meeting between governments, civil society representatives, private sector representatives, and other stakeholders from the nine countries of the high-level group during the first half of 2017**. We believe that coming together to collaborate, identify key steps and take joint action would imply critical steps towards the leadership that the 2030 Agenda needs. It would further demonstrate a commitment to the collaborative spirit that must be the foundation of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

¹ Champions to be: Making the 2030 Agenda a Reality, <http://www.concord.se/wp-content/uploads/champion-states-making-the-2030-agenda-a-reality.pdf>



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We hope that you accept this invitation, and we are ready to be at your service to help build a most constructive meeting and collaboration.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the 2030 Agenda and to a sustainable future.

In Solidarity,

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