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Dear Co-facilitators,

Convinced of education’s unique contribution to human rights, sustainable development and peace, the Group of Friends for Education and Lifelong Learning would like to reconfirm our engagement with the process leading up to the SDG Summit and its Political Declaration.

Following the Transforming Education Summit (TES), convened by the Secretary-General last year in an effort to address the education crisis, we remain committed to advancing a global advocacy on education as a key public good that can accelerate progress across all the Sustainable Development Goals. As such, we have played a proactive role in the preparatory processes of the TES. Consequently, we continue strengthening the synergies with the SDG4 High-Level Steering Committee – an important body for global education, a public good driver for

documents. It is our belief that more effective and positive outcomes in addressing the multiple crises

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