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**H. E. Mr. Antonio Guterres**  
Secretary-General Elected  
United Nations

Your Excellency,

It is an honour to congratulate you for your election as the next United Nations Secretary-General. Your experience, leadership and strong support from Member States are essential elements to strengthen the effectiveness of this Organization in attending to the complex challenges of today.

Together 2030 is a global, action-oriented, civil society initiative aiming to generate and share knowledge on implementation and accountability of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With more than 450 members in 87 countries (70% from the Global South), we facilitate and mobilize civil society partners to engage and promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.

We look forward to working with you to keep the implementation and accountability of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a priority for your term as Secretary-General and will push the whole organization to support governments and civil society in this endeavour, making sure that no one is left behind. We urge you to maintain a Special Advisor in your cabinet responsible for this Agenda as this is critical to maintain the highest level of support within the UN System.

We urge you to establish direct and regular contact and engagement with civil society in all areas of your work at the United Nations, bringing the asset of this diversity to support our common cause for human dignity. We would be grateful for an opportunity to meet and discuss how to strengthen civil society engagement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We will remain at your disposal to support in any possible way.

Yours sincerely,

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CEPEI (Colombia)

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**From policy to action**

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