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Subject: Proposed Bilateral Meeting with H.E Julius Maada Bio, President of Republic of Sierra Leone on g7+ during the LDC5 Conference in Doha, Qatar

Excellency,

On behalf of the g7+, I present our compliment for your Excellency's leadership and support to the cause of g7+.

I have the honour to propose a bilateral meeting between your Excellency and H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of Republic of Sierra-Leone on the margins of the 5th Conference of Least Developed countries (LDC) that will take place in Doha, Qatar from 5-9 March 2023. Given your Excellency's role as the Special Envoy of g7+, the meeting will be an opportunity for the g7+ (the group and the Secretariat) to pursue the strategic vision Your Excellency holds for the group.

As your Excellency know, the recent global crises have had a disproportionate impact on conflict affected countries such as those in the g7+ group. In addition, turmoil caused by fragmentation among global powers is further exacerbating the fragility caused by man-made and natural crisis that some of our member countries are facing. As a group whose members are bound by solidarity and cooperation, the g7+ need to develop a position that it can concertedly pursue at the global level with the aim of mitigating the common risk we are facing. With the observer status at the United Nations, the g7+ has an avenue to foster its advocacy with even a greater impact

Therefore, we propose that the meeting focusses, among others, on:

- How best the g7+ can help member countries overcome the challenges they are facing
- How can g7+ collectively create a leverage to make global policies on humanitarian, peacebuilding and development cooperation more inclusive of the perspective of the conflict affected countries.
- How can g7+ collectively make an impact as a Permanent Observer at the United Nations to advance the interest of the group.