## High-level Dialogue on Energy in 2021 under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly

Concept note<sup>1</sup>

## I. Context

1. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement on climate change provide a pathway for a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for people and the planet. Evidence presented at the SDG Summit in September 2019 showed that, despite considerable initial efforts however, the world was at risk of falling short of achieving many SDGs by 2030. At the same time, while COVID-19 is the most urgent threat facing humanity today, climate change remains the biggest threat over the long term and progress towards dealing with it remains grossly inadequate. We must

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The details on the high-level global champions will be made available in due course on the Dialogue website.

21. Under each theme, a small number of priority substantive tracks will be identified. Each theme will be supported by a multi-stakeholder technical working group<sup>3</sup>. These groups will provide an opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to engage in the preparations for the High-level Dialogue by advancing substantive discussions on the theme and tracks. UN-Energy, in collaboration with relevant international organisations and multi-stakeholders, will provide technical coordination support for identifying the substantive tracks and facilitating the technical working groups. The modalities for the technical working groups will be developed with the support of UN-Energy and made available in due course on the Dialogue website.

## Outcomes

22. A major outcome of the Dialogue will be a forward-looking statement calling for concrete actions to further accelerate the SDG 7 implementation in support of the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs and climate action.