

**Meeting of the Group of Friends of LLDCs on Preparations for the Third  
United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3)**

**Hosted by Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations**

**1st November 2024**

**09:00 09:45am**

**Venue: 633 Third Avenue, 18th Floor**

**Background**

Lack of territorial access to the sea, isolation and remoteness from world markets and high transport and transit costs impose constraints on the overall socio-economic development and trade competitiveness of the 32 landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). To address the challenges faced by the LLDCs, the General Assembly called in its resolution 76/217 for the convening of the third United Nations Conference on the LLDCs (LLDC3).

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Moderator and welcome remarks: H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations

## **Draft Programme**

### **Remarks**

1. H.E. Mr. Parvathaneni Harish, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Co-chair of the Group of Friends of LLDCs
2. H.E. Ms. Gladys Mokhawa, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Chair of the LLDC Group and Host Country of the third United Nations Conference on LLDCs
3. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and Secretary-General of the third UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries

### ***Interactive Discussion***

**Closing remarks:** H.E. Ambassador Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations

***Tea and coffee will be served***