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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Hans,

On behalf of President Higgins, may I extend his warm regards to all those who are participating in Global Action Plan Ireland's new initiative for teachers and students in supporting and empowering school communities to lead climate action at the local level.

Our future, and the future of our shared home, Planet Earth, depends on equipping young people with the knowledge and tools to address the urgent challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Schools have the potential to become hubs of positive change, where students not only learn about the importance of sustainability, but also actively shape their communities and society for the better. By placing students at the heart of this movement, we are cultivating the next generation of leaders and change-makers.

Today's gathering is an important and inspiring one, the launch of a programme which gives us all confidence and hope that, with the support of engaged young people around Ireland, we will continue to confront the great challenges of our world in a spirit of compassion, enthusiasm and responsibility, recognizing that we belong to a greater community of global citizens.

The President would like to commend GAP Ireland for this work, and he encourages all participants to embrace this opportunity to take meaningful action to protect our shared, precious planet. Together, we can all help to create a more sustainable, equitable, and compassionate world.

On behalf of President Higgins, may I express his best wishes to all the students and teachers who are taking part in this very worthy initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark O'Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark O'Sullivan
Deputy Head of Protocol