



# MALAYSIA

Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York

**PROPOSED INTERVENTION**  
**INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE ECOSOC-HLPF REVIEW PROCESS**  
**10.00 AM, 15 FEBRUARY 2024, ECOSOC CHAMBER**

***(time limit: 5 minutes)***

Excellencies,

At the outset, Malaysia wishes to congratulate both of His Excellency Ambassador Paul Goa Zoumanigui, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea and Her Excellency Ambassador Sanita Pavļuta-Deslande, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia on the appointment as the co-facilitators for the ECOSOC-HLPF Review process.

2. It is indeed going to be an imperative and challenging task. On that note, rest assured of Malaysia's support to you in this important process.

Excellencies,

3. Briefly, I would like to share Malaysia's general remarks as follows:

4. Firstly, in our pursuit of advancing the effectiveness of the ECOSOC and HLPF roles, it is imperative that we assess deficiencies and identify areas requiring improvements. By doing so, we can enhance their application and efficacy. Concurrently, it is essential to perpetuate the implementation of practices that have proven beneficial, contributing positively to their respective functions. We believe this commitment aims to sustain the valuable contributions of ECOSOC and HLPF to the broader development agenda.

5. Secondly, we advocate for the continuation of the country-led approach to Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). Member States should feel empowered to report on their national implementation of the 2030 Agenda, taking into consideration, their national priorities, circumstances, and capacities. We recognise the significance of Member States sharing their accomplishments, best practices, and

challenges encountered in bridging development gaps. However, it is crucial to underscore the importance of promoting policy integration, ensuring the mainstreaming of SDGs into national development plans to maximise progress towards the SDGs attainment.

6. Lastly, Malaysia believes that the ECOSOC can leverage on the recent momentum generated by the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future process. This can be achieved by convening dialogues and consultations that foster an inclusive approach to sustainable development. Furthermore, we believe that through such an approach, the ECOSOC has the potential to strengthen its role as a central platform for coordinating economic, social, and environmental issues. It should also enhance its responsiveness to emerging global challenges.

7. In conclusion, let us seize this opportunity and work together in this process, to drive meaningful progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda and leaving no one behind.

8. Thank you for your attention.