

STATEMENT OF MEXICO AT THE FIRST INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE REVIEW OF THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Thank you co-facilitators,

Mexico appreciates this first informal consultation, as we believe that this is another great opportunity for analyzing what strategies and ideas can work to improve the work of both the Economic and Social Council and the High Level Political Forum and build on our previous work towards this end.

Co-facilitators,

As for ECOSOC, we believe that there is a pressing need for the Council to be more effective and more responsive to contemporary challenges, therefore priority must be given to what needs to be done more effectively.

Mexico believes that we must prioritize more and better interaction with the Member States, since we have noted that during the first segments of ECOSOC this year, interaction has been minimal at best.

In addition, my country believes that the Coordination Segment or in the High Level Segment in July, must include a dialogue between the Members of ECOSOC and the heads of the international financial organizations, since, up to now, this meeting has only taken place with the ECOSOC Bureau in Washington D.C.



Co-facilitators,

With regard to the High Level Political Forum, one aspect that we believe could be improved is the presentation of Voluntary National Reviews. We suggest that we could work so that they become more similar to the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism of the Human Rights Council and thus be more interactive, focusing not only on the progress of the countries that present, but also on their challenges to achieve progress on the SDGs. Having mirror reports from civil society or academia would be helpful to that end.

In addition, we propose to facilitate an ongoing dialogue between governments, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to foster collaboration and share best practices and lessons learned. This would strengthen the implementation of sustainable policies and highlight the interconnectedness of the SDGs through accelerating and transformative actions.

Co-facilitators,

The momentum provided by the Summit of the Future and the 2023 SDG Summit will be critical to determine the goals and targets we are furthest away from, and to begin the delineation of a post-2030 development agenda.

We must review the 2030 Agenda as a whole and not separate the SDGs. We are getting closer and closer to the year 2030 and the lack of progress that has been documented, such as the fact that only 15% of the SDG targets are on track, is worrying. Thus, we believe that we must promote a comprehensive assessment of the Agenda between now and 2030 to obtain real, tangible results that benefit everyone.



Count on Mexico towards obtaining a more effective ECOSOC and HLPF and to work constructively towards a consensual agreement. Thank you.